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Britain Rejects Demand For National Govt.

Congress-Cripps Talks Yield No Result

FINAL DECISION SENT TO SIR STAFFORD

Willing To Take Office If Real Power Is Conceded

NEW DELHI, April 10.

After over a fortnight of fluctuating hope and anxiety, the Congress-Cripps negotiations are understood to have failed to yield a settlement, mainly owing to differences,

on the transfer of defence to Indian control,

on the Congress demand for a virtual end of the Secretary of State's control and

on the demand that where a majority of the future Cabinet were agreed the Viceroy should not use his power of veto.

THE FINAL DECISION

It is gathered that the final communication sent by the Working Committee to Sir Stafford Cripps is a 1,500-word letter setting out arguments and considerations which have led them to their decision.

The letter is reported to declare that Congress is prepared to come in and take office if Government at the Centre is a truly National Government with Cabinet responsibility and not merely an extension of the Governor General's Executive Council.

The Congress Working Committee's session in Delhi, which is expected to conclude to-morrow, is already one of the longest in its history.

DECISION TO BE RELEASED TO-DAY

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad told Pressmen:

"I placed before the Working Committee to-day the gist of my talks with Sir Stafford Cripps yesterday. I am sending the Committee's resolution to Sir Stafford just now and I hope to be able to give you the main resolution of the Committee and the supplementary statement to-morrow."

Maulana Azad made it clear that the resolution was a unanimous one and that through all the stages of the discussion the Committee had been of one mind.

The Maulana is leaving for Allahabad "en route" to Calcutta to-morrow.

NO SCOPE FOR IT

It is understood that the Congress Working Committee in the resolution communicated to Sir Stafford Cripps to-day convey their conclusion not to accept the War Cabinet's propoals, because they are convinced that genuine National Government is not offered to them.

DEFENCE DEADLOCK

It is believed that the Committee express readiness to form a true National Government, but declare that the present proposals as explained in the course of discussion with Sir Stafford Cripps do not give the Congress scope for such a Government.

Differences re-emerged over the question of Defence and other proposals on which it was previously thought that an understanding was in sight. Members of the Working Committee feel that during the detailed discussion of the new defence formula it became clear that powers and functions intended to be transferred were unsatisfactory.

The Congress Working Committee's decision was unanimous.

CRIPPS' REACTION

Soon after the Congress resolution was handed in to him Sir Stafford Cripps drove out of his residence.

Sir Stafford Cripps has called a Press Conference at 12 noon to-morrow, when it is expected he will announce final result of his mission.

The Muslim League's reply has not yet been sent to Sir Stafford Cripps.

DON'T GO BY WEATHER CHART

The Congress Working Committee's afternoon session lasted four hours.

A prominent member questioned by Pressmen said: "The sky may be overcast; the weather may be cloudy, don't go by the weather chart. We are meeting to-morrow."

Doubts have arisen to-day about the success of the Cripps-Congress negotiations.

It is stated that detailed explanations now given of the changes in the original Cripps proposals are considered by many members of the Working Committee as unsatisfactory.

Who Lives If India Perishes?

NEW DELHI, April 10.

"In this hour of peril for India, many Indians in distant and foreign countries have cabled to me expressing their earnest desire to come back to their homeland in order to share in these perils and dangers in the defence of the motherland from all aggression and invasion," says Pandit Nehru in a statement.

"I entirely share these sentiments and I am convinced that it is the duty of every Indian, who can do so, to return to India and face the dangers that threaten us. I trust that those in authority will facilitate this return.

Whatever the result of the negotiations with Sir Stafford Cripps, the duty of every Indian to serve and defend India to the uttermost remains. We cannot run away from this and seek safety.

What safety is there for us if India is in danger? Who lives if India perishes?

India calls and every Indian man and woman must listen to that call. Let each one of us stick to his post of duty whatever befalls.

Let the old and the infirm and weak of heart think in terms of evacuation and of running away from duty.

There is going to be no evacuation for us from this dear country of ours or from one place to another. We hold to it till death severs the connection.

May we prove worthy of her

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CRIPPS TO BROADCAST THIS EVENING

NEW DELHI, April 10.

THE RT. HON'BLE SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS WILL GIVE A BROADCAST TALK FROM THE DELHI STATION OF ALL-INDIA RADIO AT 8-30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11.—A. P.

The Indian Air Force pilots who are now in Bombay were entertained to tea at the Willingdon Sports Club. H. E. the Governor, who was present, is seen in the photo speaking to the pilots.

CRIPPS CALLS ON JINNAH

NEW DELHI, April 10.

Sir Stafford Cripps called on Mr. M. A. Jinnah at seven o'clock this evening and discussed with him the proposals further.

It is understood that Mr. Jinnah will place the result of this talk before the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League at 10 a. m. to-morrow and give the final reply of the Muslim League to Sir Stafford Cripps before noon to-morrow.—A. P.

League Executive To Meet Today

The Working Committee of the All-India Moslem League to-day further discussed the terms of the reply, which they intend to give to Sir Stafford Cripps. The Committee is meeting again to-morrow morning to continue the discussion.

Mr. Jinnah had a meeting with Sir Stafford Cripps to-day after the Working Committee's sitting.

'QUAKE ROCKS BATAAN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.

According to the Japanese wireless report the main earthquake shocks that shook Bataan lasted five minutes. Filipino huts crumbled and there were several landslides.—Reuter.

EXODUS FROM MADRAS

MADRAS, April 10.

Nearly 50,000 people have left Madras since Tuesday, special trains being run by S.I. and M. and S.M Railway Companies for the convenience of passengers both from Egmore and Central Stations.

The exodus was particularly heavy on Tuesday as many as four specials having left Egmore on that day two for Trichinopoly 'via' the Chord Line and two for Villupuram.

On the same day over 12,000 people are reported to have left by various trains from Central Station. There was a heavy rush of passengers from Central Station again last night, extra carriages being attached to each train.

It is estimated that about 7,000 people left the Central Station last night. Only one special was run from Egmore yesterday but the usual trains carried maximum loads.

The exodus has considerably diminished today.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

JAP CRUISER SUNK BY U. S. SUBMARINE?

WASHINGTON, April 10.

The Navy Department states that a United States submarine has sunk a large and heavily armed Japanese vessel, possibly an auxiliary cruiser, in the vicinity of the Celebes Sea.—Reuter.

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Jap Attack On Chinese Line

Flare-up On Toungoo Front: Mandalay Reduced To Burning Inferno

CHUNGKING, April 10.

A flareup in the fighting on the Toungoo Front in Burma is announced in a Chinese 'communique' issued here. It says: "A Japanese unit this morning renewed attack on the Chinese precautionary line to the north of Toungoo after a week's lull. The Japanese unit was engaged by the Chinese Expeditionary Force and fighting was still in progress after dark."—A. P.

Jap Flanking Column Repulsed

CHUNGKING, April 10.

To-night's Chinese "communique" says: "The Japanese are sending three columns to the north with the object of enveloping the Chinese forces north of Toungoo.

Another flying column is being sent across the Sittang River to outflank the troops at Yedusa. The Chinese, however, have repulsed the Japanese flanking column. Fighting continues on the Central Front".—Reuter.

MANDALAY, A BURNING INFERNO

(From Our Correspondent)

MANDALAY, April 10.

A vivid eye-witness description of the holocaust which swept Mandalay has been received here. Fires started by the incendiaries from Jap bombers were picked up by a strong south wind which swept across the city and trapped some people in their homes and shops. Milesquare bazar area was burnt out completely.

The wide moat circling the brick-walled Mandalay Fort halted the fire in one quarter, but the flames roared across the main street and continued raging northward.

The Fire Department, reinforced by fire engines evacuated from Rangoon, was hampered by the temporary failure of the water supply. They pumped water from the moat on the flames in a vain effort to halt the fire which was sweeping through the tinder-dry city.

American missionaries immediately after the raid converted the Baptist School into a hospital and brought in the wounded in cars and trucks.

All the twelve buildings in the compound of the General Hospital were burned to the ground. No warning was sounded when Japs appeared.

Fire is still blazing with strong wind threatening to spread to the only business block that is intact as the blood red moon rises through smoke.

Roads radiating from Mandalay in every direction are chocked with evacuees walking or riding in bullock carts, heading anywhere to escape from Jap terror from the sky.

CEBU CUT OFF

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.

Radio communication between the Philippines Island of Cebu and the United States has been cut off since 8-30 local time today, says an announcement by the Radio Corporation of America.—Reuter.

FIGHTING ALONG YANGTZE RIVER

CHUNGKING, April 10.

No appreciable headway has been made by the Japanese in the sporadic fighting along the north bank of the river Yangtse in southern Hupeh province, according to a Chinese military spokesman. The fighting began when the Japanese sent six columns of troops to attack Chinese positions in foothills northwest of Shansi. The battle is still proceeding along the highway between Yochow and Yanghsin in northern Hunan and southern Hupeh respectively.—Reuter.

FOUR ENEMY SHIPS SUNK

British Submarine Attacks On Axis Convoys To North Africa

LONDON, April 10.

Successes of British submarines in the Mediterranean were announced by the Admiralty to-day. A "Communique" says: "An enemy convoy escorted by destroyers has been successfully attacked in the Mediterranean by a submarine under the Command of Lt. Commander P. S. Francis, Royal Navy. Two hits with torpedoes were secured and one large supply ship was sunk. In another attack the same submarine torpedoed and sank an enemy supply ship of medium size. Other submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet have sunk two schooners one of which was bound for Tripoli with a cargo of sugar and other stores.—Reuter.

BRITISH PLANES OVER FRANCE

LONDON, April 10.

British fighters were over the Channel in strength early to-night. An offensive sweep is believed to have been carried out over the Straits and northern France. Planes covered a considerable area of the sky as they crossed the coast on their way inland. —Reuter.

R. A. F. Bombs Crete And Benghazi

CAIRO, April 10.

The R.A.F. Middle East Communique states: "Airdromes in Crete and military objectives in Benghazi and Martuba in Libya were attacked by bomber aircraft of Middle East Command during Wednesday night. Fighting aircraft have maintained their offensive activities in forward areas in Cyrenaica. Enemy air raids on Malta were continued on Thursday. During Wednesday night one Ju. 88 was destroyed.

It is now established that in addition to eight aircraft already reported destroyed on Wednesday our fighters shot down further Ju 88, a Dornier 26 and a Messerschmitt 109 and anti-aircraft artillery destroyed another Ju 88. One of our aircraft is missing from the operations but the pilot is safe."—Reuter.

AXIS PLANE SHOT DOWN IN ALEXANDRIA AREA

CAIRO, April 9.

An additional R.A.F. Middle East communique says: "This morning our fighters shot down a Junkers 88 into the sea in the Alexandria area.

The crew of an Italian aircraft washed ashore in a dinghy on another part of the coast to-day. All five were taken prisoners."—Reuter.

U. S. Ship Torpedoed By Accidental Discharge

WASHINGTON, April 10.

Running 10,000 yards through Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, a torpedo, accidentally discharged from motor torpedo-boat, struck the United States ship "Capella" late on Thursday afternoon, the Navy Department announced.

Assisted by tugs the "Capella", which is a 4,070 ton naval cargo vessel, was anchored in shallow water and is in no immediate danger. The accidental discharge of the torpedo, it is officially stated, was due to defective firing circuit.—Reuter.

British Aircraft Carrier Sunk In Ceylon Waters

Surprise Enemy Attack On Six Ships Off Coast Of Orissa: Survivors' Story

LONDON, April 10.

It is officially announced that the British aircraft carrier "Hermes" has been sunk.

The Japanese claim to have sunk two cruisers off Trincomalee is untrue. A large proportion of "Hermes" crew have probably reached land as it was only about ten miles off the coast of Ceylon when she was sunk by Japanese air attack.—Reuter.

Four Aircraft Carriers Lost So Far

LONDON:—With the sinking of "HERMES", Britain has now lost four Aircraft carriers in this war, the others being "COURAGEOUS", "GLORIOUS" and "ARK ROYAL" Britain had six when hostilities began, but others have been built or are building.

An Admiralty 'Communique' on Friday states "The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that the aircraft carrier H.M.S. "Hermes" (Captain R. F. Johnslow Royal Navy) has been sunk by Japanese air attack off the coast of Ceylon. No further details are known but it is probable that a large proportion of the ship's company of H.M.S. "Hermes" reached land as she was only about ten miles off the shore when sunk. The next of kin will be informed as soon as possible.

The Japanese claim to have sunk two cruisers off Trincomalee is known to be quite untrue."—Reuter.

SERIOUS BLOW TO ROYAL NAVY

LONDON, April 10.

The loss of the aircraft carrier 'Hermes' is another serious blow to the Royal Navy, writes Reuter's Naval correspondent. Although she was not one of our large size specially built carriers but a converted transport, the demands upon the navy are so great and its strength so extended that every ship is playing a vital part in the defence of British communications.

It is some consolation to know that the Japanese claim to have sunk three cruisers at the same time is officially denied. 'Hermes' was spotted by the enemy off the coast of Ceylon ten miles off the shore and some three hours steaming from Trincomalee. It is possible she was attacked by a portion of the same raiders which made a sweep on Trincomalee yesterday morning. Also it is probable that the attack on Trincomalee denied the 'Hermes' the help of shore based fighters who were so fully engaged over the Naval Base. It is hoped that a good percentage of the complement may have been saved. She sank at eleven forenoon (local time). Both in the case of the 'Hermes' and attacks upon the cruisers 'Dorsetshire' and 'Cornwall' whose loss was reported yesterday the Japanese used only dive-bombers and not torpedo carrying planes. The attacks were on an exceptionally large scale as the Japanese had at least three or four aircraft carriers in the neighbourhood. Japanese vessels of this description carry an average of over forty planes each. Their larget carrier, of 28,000 tons, has accommodation for sixty planes, three others carry 46 each, two 42 each and the two remaining ships of this class carry thirty and twenty respectively. It is believed the Japanese also have smaller converted transports.

JAPS LOSE 75 PLANES

Japanese air losses in the two engagements over Colombo and Trincomalee are estimated at certainly 75 planes including damaged and probables and others may have fallen to the guns of "Dorsetshire" and "Cornwall." It can now be disclosed that these vessels were lost last Sunday morning while some distance at sea from Ceylon.

So far as is known, there were no protecting aircraft but they were accompanied by destroyers which saved a greater portion of the crews. The loss by the Japanese of such large number of planes would naturally make it necessary for the carriers to return back to the bases for new supply. Japanese successes have demonstrated very convincingly the efficacy of the dive bomber in naval warfare as in land operations. The accuracy with which they reach their targets is remarkable when compared with the effects of ordinary bombing high or even low altitudes. This raises a problem that may have an important bearing on the future of the war.—Reuter

ATTACK ON SHIPS OFF ORISSA COAST
About 500 Survivors Reach Calcutta

CUTTACK, April 10.

The story of the suffering of the crew of the group of ships sunk off the Orissa coast on Easter Monday, by a Japanese Naval craft without any notice whatsoever is now revealed by the survivors who have arrived here.

Six of the ships, sunk on that morning, were going, in a convoy and fell within the sight of enemy reconnaissance planes which flew over the ships in the morning at about 8 a. m. A few minutes later two heavy cruisers and one destroyer of the Japanese came up and all the three lining in the form of a triangle sent up a barrage of cannon fire without any notice to the crew, who belonged to different nationalities of the United Nations, British, Americans, Chinese and Indians, with a few Norwegians, Dutch, New Zealanders. The action lasted only for about half an hour and the ships went down almost without returning any fire.

How Cuttack Learnt It

The first intimation of the incident came to Cuttack at about 11 a. m. sent by the police and non-official Watch and Ward parties in the villages near the coast and about 30 miles from Cuttack, in a telegram intimating the local Government of the sound of heavy gun-fire. This set the local Government machinery in motion, but in view of the inaccessibility of the coast, the rescue had necessarily been delayed. The survivors came to the shore in the afternoon in lifeboats, and there is also a story of a Chinese who swam for over four and a half hours.

The Inspector-General of Police with a small party arrived there in the night having had to cover a distance of 10 miles from Balikuda by water in dug-out and by foot. The night was stormy and it was raining almost the whole night which had to be passed by the survivors without practically any clothing or food. All possible first-aid that could be given, was rendered by a doctor and two medical students with sailors. They passed the night there, and the following morning walked up the distance of ten miles, many bare footed, before they came to a place where they could be picked up by motor cars. From there, they were taken down to Cuttack. The injured were taken straight to the hospital where immediate medical aid was rendered to them. The others were accommodated in the Ravenshaw College hostel where improvised arrangements had been made for feeding and clothing them.

About 40 could not reach the shore, while about 80 were admitted in the hospital here, 12 of whom are considered serious.

Almost all of the survivors who were not in the hospitals, have left for Calcutta and other places.

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WANTED

(A) EXAMINERS OF STORES (TEXTILES):—Candidates should have had a good general education and should possess a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of textile technology. They should also have had general training for not less than two years which embraced all the important sections of textiles manufacture in a modern cotton or woollen mills and either (a) have had further practical experience for a period of three years in a textile mill or (b) possess a Textile Diploma equivalent to the L.T.M., Bombay. Pay Rs. 150—200 according to qualifications.

(B) SUPERVISORS OF TEXTILES:—Candidates should have had a good general education and should possess a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of textile technology must have had a practical training for not less than 6 months which embraced important sections of Textile manufacture in a modern cotton or woollen mill and possess a Textile Diploma equivalent to the L.T.M., Bombay. Practical knowledge of spinning and weaving is essential. Pay Rs. 90-120 according to qualifications.

(C) ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS OF TEXTILES:—Candidates should hold a School Leaving Certificate of an Indian University (this condition may be relaxed in special cases) and should have six months practical experience of working in a textile mill. Technical Education will be considered as an additional qualification. Pay Rs. 65/-

Certain number of posts are reserved for Muslims and other minority communities.

Application forms may be obtained on payment of Re. 1/- in cash or by money order giving name and address of the applicant in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS on the coupon. Crossed postal orders and postage stamps will not be accepted. Application should be submitted immediately.

CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION,
Ballard Estate, Bombay. (8002)

NOTICE

AN OFFICE of the MALAYAN REPRESENTATIVE in India has been OPENED at Menkwa Building, Outram Road, 3rd Floor. Any persons with claims against the Malayan Governments should submit them to the Representative in writing, giving full details. 7988.

Public Notices

"BAYER" & "SCHERING" PRODUCTS

IT IS NOTIFIED, for the information of the Medical Profession, Hospitals and Public, that stocks of many products of 'Bayer' and 'Schering' are still available for sale. Interested parties are requested to apply for current price-lists to the:—

Office of the Custodian of the Assets of
Bayer Remedies Limited & Schering (India) Limited
NEW ADDRESS
"Menkwa Building" (1st floor),
Murzban Road, Fort,
Bombay. (8004)

NOTICE

A LARGE PROCESSION will proceed to Chowpatty on Sunday the 12th April, 1942, reaching there between the hours of 6 and 6-30 p. m. The Motoring Public, in order to save themselves delay and inconvenience, are advised as far as possible to avoid Sandhurst Bridge ,and Hughes Road from Sandhurst Bridge to French Road between these times.

L. A. PADDON ROW,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
Divisions (1).
Head Police Office:
Bombay, 10th April, 1942. 8019

ALL INDIA RADIO.

APPLICATIONS are invited for temporary posts of SUB-EDITOR in the Central News Organisation, All-India Radio, Delhi, in the scale of Rs. 300-20-500. The essential qualifications are:—

(1) at least two years' experience on the staff of a newspaper or a news agency or an equivalent experience.
(2) a sound command of English and a thorough knowledge of current world and Indian affairs.

Preference will be given to a candidate able to report in shorthand at high speed.

The posts are at present sanctioned upto the 28th February, 1943, or the termination of the war whichever is earlier but the appointments will be made on 3 months' probation.

Applications which must be on the prescribed form should be accompanied by a treasury receipt of Rs. 5/- and should reach the Controller of Broadcasting, New Delhi not later than the 5th May, 1942.

No claim for a refund of the fee will be entertained nor will any fee be held in reserve for any subsequent selection. Applications already received for any similar post in All-India Radio before this advertisement will not be considered unless submitted afresh on the prescribed form which can be obtained free of charge from the Office of the Controller of Broadcasting, 5, Sikandra Road, New Delhi. (7990)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that (1) ESSABHAI NAJMUDDIN CHINWALA, (2) MAHOMEDBHAI NAJMUDDIN CHINWALA and (3) HAIDERBHAI NAJMUDDIN CHINWALA, all of Bombay Bohra Shia Mahomedan Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Tamarind House, 36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Free-hold land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Shaikh Abdulla Pakmodia Street, on the west side of Parsi Agiary Street, Khara Tank Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 276 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 331, New No. 7617, Old Survey No. 1214, New Survey No. 4505, Cadastral Survey No. 4299 of Bhuleshwar Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C. Ward Nos. 6954, 6955 and Street Nos. formerly 2 and 10 and now 8 to 12 and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East and South by Parsi Agiary Street, on or towards the West by a Sweeper's passage, on or towards the North by Khara Tank Street,

Dated this 11th day of April, 1942.

TANMANI I. SHUKLA,
for Messrs. PATHARE & LILADHAR,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 8001.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

WANTED
PAID A. R. P. WARDENS

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED by Government to provide each A. R. P. Division with a nucleus of paid wardens. The rate of pay will be Rs. 75/- per month, with free uniform and personal equipment. No conveyance or other allowance will be paid.

Applications (in writing only) for the above posts are invited from the public. Applicants should write to the A. R. P. Controller, Council Hall, Bombay, stating age, address, place of work, and qualifications.

Preference will be given to existing members of the A. R. P. organisation, especially wardens who have passed Class III Instructors' or Warden Instructors' Course. Applicants will be called for interview, if necessary. 8020

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned hereby give Notice to all the Customers and Debtors of the firm of Keshav Ghansey and Co., carrying on business as Grain Merchants and Shroffs at Parel, Bhoiwada, Bombay, that our late father Bhoola Vanvir was a partner in the aforesaid firm and we as the only sons and heirs of the said deceased made up accounts with and received the amount found due in respect of the share of our deceased father from the present partners of the said firm and have passed the necessary release for the same. We have no claim against or concern with the said firm of Keshav Ghansey and Co., its dealings and outstandings and that (1) Kuverji Keshavji, (2) Shamji alias Popat Keshavji, (3) Panbai, widow of Keshav Ghansey and (4) Murji Monji the present partners are the owners of the firm of Keshav Ghansey and Co., and are entitled to all the outstandings and stock-in-trade thereof.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1942.

MEGHJI BHULA,
JEVAT BHULA. 8005.

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANANT RAOJI JAYAWANT, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece of land, containing an area of three hundred and sixty-seven (367) square yards or thereabouts situate on and being Plot No. 100 (North) of the Dadar Matunga Estate of the Corporation in the City and Island and Sub-registration District of Bombay bounded, on the North-East by Plot No. 107 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to V. G. Gokhale, on the South-East by Plot No. 99 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to Sorabji Jamasji Mistri and another, on the South-West by a road forty feet in width and on the North-West by Plot No. 101 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to Krishnarao Khanderao Kothare which piece of land forms portion of New Survey No. 841 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 308/10 Matunga Division together with the building thereon consisting of a ground floor and two upper floors with a staircase room which said premises are now in the occupation of the Vendor or his tenants and are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 7524 (2) Street No. 1091A, and New Street No. 4.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1942.

THAKURDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 8012.

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY NO. 61 OF 1942

Re: JAL JEHANGIR GUZDAR, residing at Princess Street, Bombay: .. A Debtor.
Ex parte: BHIKAMCHAND AMEDMAL & CO. .. Petitioning Creditors.

On the 7th day of April, 1942, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1942.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar. (8008)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai FATMABAI, widow of Meherally Thariani and Bai GULSHANBAI, wife of Abdulhoosein Meherally Thariani have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all incumbrances.

ALL PERSONS having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Ali Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay within (14) fourteen days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Leasehold land or ground situate, lying and being at Nawroji Hill Estate, Dongri, of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay in the City and Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement one hundred and forty-eight (148) square yards or thereabouts Registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 3638 and Cadastral Survey No. 110/1721 of Mandvi Division together with the messuages, tenements or dwelling house standing thereon and in the Books of Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "B" Ward No. 425 (2) and Street No. 177 (A) and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the NORTH-EAST by the property of Khan Bahadur Shaikh Neherbaksh Haji Kaderbux Haji Alli, on the SOUTH-EAST by plot No. 54 of the said Estate and on the SOUTH-WEST by Chinch Bunder Road and which piece of land forms portion as plot No. 55 of Nawroji Hill Estate.

Dated this 9th day of April, 1942.

HOOSEINI DOCTOR & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 8000.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 567 of 1940.

SHA MULCHAND SURCHAND .. Plaintiff.
vs.
SHA WADILAL SURCHAND and others .. Defendants.

PURSUANT to Consent Decree, dated 2nd December, 1940, and Judge's Order, dated 18th April, 1941, and Judge's Order, dated 8th August, 1941, and Judge's Order, dated 5th December, 1941, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on THURSDAY, 30th April, 1942, at 3 P.M. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS.

ALL that piece of Fazandari land with dwelling house thereon being on the South side of second Bhoiwada Street in Bombay admeasuring one hundred and fifty sq. yards and four-ninths of another sq. yard or thereabouts and bearing New Survey No. 572 and Municipal C Ward Nos. 5338 and 5339 and Street Nos. 73-75-77 and 79 and now Street Nos. 29-31 Cadastral Survey Nos. 2427 and 2428 Bhuleshwar Division.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. Gagrat and Co., Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at Alli Chambers, Meadows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner. (7991)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 41 of 1942.

Messrs. VERAMAL PARSRAM, a firm .. Plaintiffs.
Vs.
Messrs. ABDUL GAFAR AHMED. a firm .. Defendants.

To,
The Defendants abovenamed,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs abovenamed have filed a suit against you for recovery of Rs. 2,952-12-0 with interest on Rs. 2,887-12-6 from the 12th December, 1941, at 9 per cent. per annum till Judgment costs of the suit and interest on Judgment at 6 per cent per annum till payment AND PLEASE ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the hearing and final disposal of this suit is fixed on the 24th June, 1942, as a short cause at 11 A.M. (S.T.) when you are requested to appear in person or by Advocate and also to produce all your Witnesses, in default of your appearance on the day aforesaid the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Bombay dated this 20th day of January, 1942.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

K. K. DASTUR,
For Prothonotary and Senior Master.

Messrs. DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys. (8010)

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DOONGERSI PRAGJI has contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned properties.

All persons having any claim interest or demand whatsoever against in or upon the said properties or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, share, possession, lease, encumbrances, lien, charge, maintenance, easement, coparcenary rights or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 24-26, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim, interest or demand howsoever and the same, if any, will be treated and considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES

FIRST:—ALL that piece or parcel of Khoti land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Malad (near Kandivali Station) in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra in the District of Thana, containing by admeasurement 2666 square yards or thereabout and bearing no Survey Nos. as the Village of Malad has not been surveyed and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Nihalchand Lallubhai, on or towards the West by the property formerly belonging to Motilal Girdhardas & Anr., on or towards the North partly by the property of Motilal Girdhardas and partly by a passage and on or towards the South by the property of Nihalchand Lallubhai.

SECONDLY:— ALL that piece or parcel of Khoti land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Malad (near Kandivali Station) in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra in the District of Thana, containing by admeasurement 1760 square yards or thereabout and bearing no Survey numbers as the Village of Malad has not yet been surveyed and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Girdhardas, on or towards the West by the property of Motilal Girdhardas, on or towards the North by a passage for plot holders, beyond that by the property of Bhailal Girdhardas and on or towards the South by the property of Bhailal Girdhardas.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1942.

VAKIL DADABHOY & BHARUCHA,
Purchasers' Attorneys. 8003

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of our respective clients being the owners of the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder written, that the following title deeds, viz:

(1) Agreement to lease dated 15th day of May, 1923 and made between the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay of the one part and Watoomull Waslamull & Others of the other part;
(2) Indenture of Lease dated the 14th day of October, 1930 and made between the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay of the one part and Rewachand Watoomull & others of the other part;

relating to the piece of land admeasuring about 236 Square Yards being Plot No. 12 of the West Chowpatty Estate situate near Babulnath Road without the Fort of Bombay, more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written have been lost or misplaced.

Any person having any claim in respect of the said piece of land or the said lost or misplaced documents, is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their respective Offices, at Lentin Chambers Dalal Street and Alli Chambers, Medows Street, within the Fort of Bombay, within 8 days from the date hereof otherwise the same shall be considered and treated as waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

ALL that piece of land containing an area of 236 (two hundred and thirty-six) square yards or thereabouts situate on and being Plot No. 12 of the West Chowpatty Estate of the Board in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay and bounded on the North by Chowpatty Road, on the East by the property of the Lessees, on the South by Babulnath First Cross Road and on the West by Babulnath Road and which piece of land bears New Survey No. D/7298 and Former Cadastral Survey No. 425 Malbar Hill Division and present Cadastral Survey No. 424 of Malbar Hill Division.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1942.

AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS & DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Solicitors, High Court. 8011

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SULLEMAN HAJI AHMED OOMER, of Bombay Mahomedan inhabitant has contracted to grant to our client a Lease for the period of 999 years of the piece of land described in the First Schedule hereunder written and to sell to him the structures standing thereon.

Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, demise, bequest, trust, inheritance, possession, charge, incumbrance, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Central Bank Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof after which date the sale will be completed without regard to any claim or claims not so made as aforesaid.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that piece or parcel of freehold land or ground with the messuages and tenements and dwelling houses standing thereon and situate, lying and being at Warden Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1250 sq. yards or thereabouts being a portion of the premises described in the Second Schedule hereunder written and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property belonging to the Lessor the said Sulleman Haji Ahmed Oomer, on or towards the West by the property also belonging to the said Lessor, on or towards the North by the property of Hussainbhai Lalji and others and on or towards the South partly by the Plot numbered 19 and belonging to the said Lessor and leased to Dr. F. R. Paruck and partly by 20 feet private passage.

THE 2ND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

FIRST:—ALL that piece or parcel of freehold land or ground together with the messuages bungalows or dwelling houses and other buildings standing thereon, called and known as Westfield, situate, lying and being at Cumballa Hill, without the Fort in the Town and Island of Bombay, fronting the Mahaluxmi or Warden Road, on the East side thereof in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay believed to contain by admeasurement 20814 square yards or thereabouts but now on actual survey found to contain by admeasurement 21153-72 square yards be the same more or less and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue with other land, including the property secondly hereinafter described under New Nos. 455 and B455, New Survey Nos. 7/7133, 7/7131 and 7133 and Cadastral Survey No. 698, Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division and assessed in the Books of the Assessor and Collector of Bombay Municipal Taxes with the property secondly hereinafter described under D Ward Nos. 3513 (1) and 3514, Old Street Nos. 33 and 35 New Street No. 63 and and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the North partly by the property secondly hereinafter described and partly by the property formerly of Mukund R. Jayakar but now of Husseinbhoy Abdullabhoy Lalji and Jafferbhai Abdoolabhai Lalji, on or towards the South partly by the property formerly of Cassumally Jairajbhoy Peerbhoy but now of Suleman Haji Ahmed Oomer and partly by the property of the late Hon'ble Mr. Justice Badrudin Tyabji, on or towards the East partly by a private common passage and partly by the property of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Badrudin Tyabji and on or towards the West by the said Warden Road or Mahaluxmi Road.

SECONDLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of vacant freehold land or ground situate, lying and being at Cumballa Hill without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 991 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue with other land including the property first hereinabove described under New Nos. 455 and B455 and New Survey Nos. 7/7131, 7/7133, 7133 and Cadastral Survey No 698 Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the North and East by the property formerly of Mukund R. Jayakar and now of Husseinbhoy Abdullabhoy Lalji and Jafferbhoy Abdullabhoy Lalji, on or towards the West by the Mahaluxmi or Warden Road, on or towards the South by the property first hereinabove described and which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Bombay Municipal Rates and Taxes with the property first hereinabove described under D Ward Nos. 3513 (1) and 3514 and Old Street Nos. 33 and 35, New Street Nos. 63 and 1.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1942.

LITTLE & CO.,
Attorneys for the Lessee and Purchaser

(8018)

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Legal Notices

DISSOLUTION OF RADIO PARTNERSHIP

Mr. N. RAMESH RAO has retired from the Radio business known as "The Precision Radio & Electrical Manufacturing Co." running at Ishwardas Mansion, Nana Chowk, Bombay 7 and will be no more responsible for any debts or liabilities incurred by the said Company, of which Mr. M. S Shetty will now be the sole proprietor.

JOACHIM ALVA,
Advocate,
for Mr. N. Ramesh Rao.

Bank of India Building,
Kalbadevi Road,
Bombay, 9-4-1942.

16046

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. LACHHILAL PRASADILAL and SHRINATHDAS MANOHARLAL, of Bombay Hindu inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of Quit and Ground rent tenure the assessment whereof is permanently fixed containing by admeasurement 156.91 square yards or thereabouts together with the messuage tenements or buildings standing thereon situate, lying and being at Essaji Samuel Street, without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and in the Mandvi Division and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 381 of Mandvi Division which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 520 and New No. 6171 and Old Survey No. 530 and New Survey No. 2555 and are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under B Ward Nos. 1519 and 1520, Street Nos. 26-28, 40-42, 303 to 307 and bounded as follows: on or towards the South by Bardan Street, on or towards the West by Samuel Street, on or towards the East by Essaji Street and on the North by the property of Ranchhoddas Haridas.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1942.

AMBUBHAI DIWANJI,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

8009.

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. Bennett & Co. will sell by public auction TODAY Saturday the 11th April 1942 at 11 a.m. (S.T.) at National Insurance Building (2nd floor) at Hornby Road, Fort, the undermentioned property of Toyo Menkwa Kaisha Ltd. vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Household furniture such as drawing room suites, dining tables, chairs, teapoys, wardrobes, show cases, iron beds, writing tables, etc. On view.

Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on THURSDAY, the 16th April, 1942, at 11 a.m. at the godown of Japan Cotton Trading Co., Menkwa Building, Outram Road, Fort, the undermentioned property of Nippon Menkwa Kabushiki Kaisha Ltd., vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Office furniture, almirahs, cycle, elect. ceiling fans, Avery's platform scale, cotton bales wgh. scale with full set of weights, paper cutting machine steel plates, Royal and Oliver typewriters, tarpaulins, rice bags (Australian) and other sundry articles etc.

On view from the 15th inst.

BENNETT & CO.

VORA & CO.

AUCTION SALE (TO-MORROW) SUNDAY at 10-30 a.m (S.T.), Property of a European Gentleman D. Brentford, Esq., and others, at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face, of complete household and office furniture, dining table, chairs, sideboard, silver show cases, cabinets book cases, Chesterfield sets, Cheval dressing tables, centre tables, and teapoys, almirahs, bed with box mattress, Godrej 26 & 40 inches special fire proof safes, steel double door large cupboard, Singer machine, Remington, Standard and Portable typewriters, electric fans and lamps, wrist watches, carpet, glass, crockery, etc. Tel. No. 40213.

VORA & CO.

TRADE SUPPORT ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Hedging And Local Selling

UNDERTONE VERY STEADY

Bombay, April 10

The New York cotton futures market was fairly steady on Thursday. There was hedging, commission house liquidation and local selling induced by the tenor of war news and continued talk that 1941 loans may be called but the reaction uncovered fresh trade and Mill support and New Orleans buying.

At the opening July was quoted 5 points down at 19.67 which was the lowest level for the day and later prices advanced to 19.82 which was the highest level. The session closed at a net rise of 5 to 9 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 7 points at 21.39c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also steady with moderate buying and closed at a rise of 2 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 4 points at 20.31c. per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. in their weekly report state :—

"In Bombay the market is giving many signs that prices are now knocking on bottom rates. Even the much unwanted Broach cotton is finding a home, perhaps only for the time being a temporary home, but nevertheless a home and this is giving our market a breathing space during which traders are having time to re-sum up the situation. In the recent weeks there has been a big clear out of cheap old crop cottons which were selling around Rs. 100 per candy and there is now very little of such cotton available. Further there is a definite holding movement in the interior, where in many cases prices are now above Bombay parity. As a result arrivals into Bombay are falling off steadily and it is probable stocks here may decline during the next two months, a most unusual occurrence at this time of year.

The Government of India has started a big drive to reduce cotton acreage for the next crop as it is pointed out this country will have to produce more food crops as owing to the War we cannot expect the usual importation of food. We believe this campaign will have success for not only is the food required but food crops bring the farmer a much better money return than does cotton especially short stapled quality, which at present prices is definitely not worth while growing. Again recently there has been available much more freight space and with Indian cotton available at such cheap prices exports are likely to exceed the estimates current earlier in the season. It is now becoming evident that traders are realising the truth of the old adage which says that it never pays to bear the tail of a large crop.

We believe that another bearish factor is likely to be removed before the month of July. We believe the special Committee appointed to devise a new hedge contract for Bombay is making good progress. When a new contract is available this market will regain considerable speculative support, support which has been lacking because of the unattractiveness of our old Broach contract. This contract undoubtedly has been a seller's contract and as a result not only has it lost much speculative support but in it has been hedged all sorts of other styles of cotton Indian and foreign. It has been depressed to the limit but there is a limit to all things and we are of opinion that the limit has now been reached."

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (12-6 p.m.) ..... 19.82+10

New York July lowest (10 a.m.) ..... 19.67—05

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends :—

New York : Trade steady buyer. Undertone good.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, April 9

May	19.67+09
July	19.78+06
October	19.93+05
December	19.98+06
January	20.00+06
March	20.10+07
Middling Spot	21.39+07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, April 9

May	19.66+04
July	19.78+02
October	20.16+03
December	20.21+03
January	20.22+03
March	20.31+04
Middling Spot	20.31+04

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, April 9

May	19.59
July	19.72
October	19.87

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 10

Following a further rise of 6 points in New York cotton futures the local market opened at Rs. 178 for Broach J/A delivery and advanced to Rs. 180/8 on moderate short covering. But the rise there was no follow up on this buying side and prices gradually declined to Rs. 178/8 under scattered selling. The market was quietly steady.

There was persistent selling in a narrow market and prices declined to Rs. 175 for Broach J/A delivery. There was further selling on an unwilling market and prices downturned to Rs. 174. The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under :—

BROACH April/May	Rs.	155	12 0
BROACH July/August		175	0 0
OOMRA May		129	8 0
OOMRA July		130	0 0
BENGAL May		126	8 0
BENGAL July		131	8 0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, April 10.

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup	Fine	F. Good	Good.
M. G.—					
Bengal U.P. ...	135	132	129	126	
Punjab ...	135	132	129	126	
Rajputana ...	141	138	135	132	
Oomra No. 3	143	142	139	...	
C.P. No. 1 ...	182	179	176	173	...
C. P. No. 2 ...	161	158	155	152	...
Broach No. 2 ...		166	163	160	157
Punjab-Ameri ...		241	238	235	232
Surat ...		301	298	295	292
Rajpipla ...		298	295	292	289
Navsari ...		304	301	298	295

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 10.

	Old.	Ready.
Bengal Fine	118-21	130/33
Berar	133-26	143/46
C. P. 1	133-31	173/75
C. P. 2	127-29	151/53
Khandesh	92-98	126/29
Muglai	102-10	134/36
Broach	110-15	163/65
Broach Low	95-102	...

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, April 10

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. The market was very quiet with a negligible business. New York Spot silver quotation was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-5. The local market was again easy on increased liquidation. There was absence of any demand. Quotations were as under :—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	48	4 0
Vaishakh		48	8 0
Sovereigns		37	8 0

SILVER

Ready		82	8 0
Vaishakh		79	5 0

LONDON SILVER
London, April 9

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London, April 9

Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8-8-0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 9

Broach April/May highest 160 lowest 155 1/4 closing 159 3/4

Broach July/August highest 179 1/4 lowest 174 3/4 closing 178 1/2

Oomra May highest 142 lowest 138 1/2 closing 141

Oomra July highest 154 lowest 150 1/2 closing 153

Bengal May highest 129 lowest 127 closing 129

Bengal July highest 134 1/2 lowest 132 closing 134 1/2

Retail Prices Of Food-stuffs

Fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in the Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week from Friday, (10th April) :—

Article.	per paylee Rs. a. p.
Rice (Burma) :	
Small Mill	0 10 0
Mandla	0 11 6
Rice Country : Jirasal :	
(Bhiwandi) No. 1 quality	0 15 0 to 1 1 0
(Bhiwandi) No 3 quality	0 13 0 to 0 14 0
Patni	0 10 6
Jowar Sholapur Yellow	0 7 3
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	0 7 6
Bajri Kalpi Ordinary	0 9 6
Gram Banda	not quoted.
Gram Shahapura	0 11 6
Turdal Cawnpore Dry	0 14 6
Turdal Surti Oiled (Superior)	0 9 3
Masur Dal Superior	0 11 6
Chana Dal No. 1	per lb. 0 15 0
Ghee Porbundar	1 6 0
Butter (Polsons)	0 4 0
Coconut Oil	0 3 6
Indian Sugar (large grain)	0 3 6
Groundnut Oil	0 5 0
Mutton (sheep) 1st Class	0 5 0
Mutton (goat) 1st Class	per doz.
Eggs Hen's graded 'Agmark' Special	0 12 0
Eggs Hen's graded 'Agmark' A.	0 10 0
Eggs Hen's ungraded	0 9 0
	per lb.
Potatoes (India)	0 1 6
Onions	0 0 9
	2 boxes
Wimco Matches 50 sticks	0 1 0
Other Brands Matches 40 sticks	0 0 9
	per maund.
Charcoal	0 12 0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 10

The market ruled easier to-day on scattered selling. Tata Deferreds opened at 1165 and eased off to 1145, while Tata Ordinaries declined from 223 to 216. Bombay Dyeings also were on offer at 1000. Indian Irons were quoted at 22.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day :—

Tata Deferreds (1165) 1165 1145

Tata Ordinaries (226) 223 21b 218

Tata Ordinary 218; Tata Deferred 1145; Indian Iron 22; Steel Corpn of Bengal 13/8; Bombay Dyeing 1000; Central India 325; Century 381/14; Gokak 235/10; Kohinoor 415; Simplex 150; Andhra Valley 1475; Tata Hydro 151/14; Tata Power 1335; Associated Cement 156/8; Belapur 218/2; Bombay Burma (old) 200.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, April 9

On the Stock Exchange, there was some increase in activity to-day, but mainly quiet conditions again prevailed. Government securities were bright a feature on the theory that the Budget may contain cheaper money policy with all-round advances upto three-sixteenths for war loan. Elsewhere values mostly maintained though tobaccos breweries showed slight easiness on Budget fears and some rubbers marked lower. Textiles Kaffirs inclined harder while Atnafagasta Railway issues advanced point. Wall Street heavy.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN
London, April 9

	This week
Total bullion	£ 569,000
Public deposits	9,000,000
(a) Other deposits	198,700,000
Government securities	172,500,000
(b) Other securities	22,000,000
Notes, gold and silver coin	15,600,000
Notes in circulation	763,900,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	8.33 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	134,100 000
(b) Other securities include discounts and advances	6,100,000
Total deposits	198,700,000
Total securities	194,500,000

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, April 9

T T London on :—

New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2

Madrid official 40.5 voluntary rate 46.55

Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47

Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4

Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON PRODUCE
London, April 9

Rozario Santa Fe April/May quoted 22/7 1/2

Barletta Russo April/May quoted ... 22/7 1/2

Australian Wheat old crop April/May quoted 27/6

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 9

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£64
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£101 1/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£83 5/16
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 3/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£106
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 7/16
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	£113 9/16
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£5 1/2
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg)	£49
National Bank of India	£23 1/2

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, April 10

Linseed May	Rs.	8	10 6
Wheat May		7	5 6

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, April 10

Wheat May	Rs.	0	3 9
Linseed May		0	4 0
Groundnut May		1	8 0
Castorseed May		1	12 0
Cottonseed May		0	12 0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, April 10

Yellow metal sheet	Rs.	96	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	118	0 0

Tone :—Steady.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, April 10

Groundnuts May— Opening	Rs.	41	14 0
Highest		42	2 6
Lowest		41	9 0
Closing		41	10 6
Castorseeds May— Opening		41	12 0
Highest		41	14 0
Lowest		41	12 0
Closing		41	13 0
Cottonseeds May— Opening		24	11 0
Highest		24	12 6
Lowest		24	9 6
Closing		24	11 0

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 10

Yarn No. 6 1/2s. April 172 June 171

Yarn No. 10 1/2s. April 209 June 208

Yarn No. 20 1/2s. April 265 June 258

INDIAN YARNS : Turnover on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., continues to remain very restricted on account of nervousness created as a result of continued unfavourable political situation and also due to further decline in cotton prices. Prices in 20 1/2s on the Exchange for April delivery have declined to the extent of about Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 per bale during the week with an uncertain tone at the close. The future tendency continues to remain uncertain.

Yarn No. 40s. April 420 June 415

Quotations for 6 1/2s 10 1/2s and 40s are nominal.

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May below New York May 1,350 cent points at exchange 331

Broach July/August below New York July 1,269 cent points at exchange 331

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Scattered Selling

Bombay, April 10

The local share bazar opened steady but there being absence of any important buying, prices assumed sagging tendency. Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 1170 in the cash section and declined to Rs. 1140. Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 218. In the forward section trading was restricted. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1280 and declined to Rs. 1275 while Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 232. Cotton Mill shares failed to show any important change. The market attendance was thin and there is no inclination to operate. In the meanwhile open interest is being liquidated and traders are watching war developments and Indian problems.

Wall Street easiness was attributed to bearish war news with selling light and fractional losses were recorded. Occasional efforts to rally proved unsuccessful and even mild comebacks were scarce latterly with dealings sluggish periodically. U. S. Steel shares declined 3/4 at 49, Anaconda Coppers lost 1/4 at 25 and General Motors closed 3/4 down at 34 dollars.

TEXTILES
Bombay, April 10

100	Ahmedabad Advance	298	12
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1000	0
100	CENTURY	382	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	325	0
100	Colaba X.D.	151	8
100	Cooria	120	0
250	Dawn	630	0
250	David	300	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd	2	5 6
100	FINLAY	190	0
100	GOKAK	239	0
1000	Hindustan	2282	8
100	Indore	243	2
100	Khatau	214	6
100	KOHINOOR X. D.	416	0
250	LAXMI	655	0
100	Madhusudan	320	0
100	MORARJI	470	0
250	Model	218	12
50	MYSORE	125	0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	240	0
100	Podar X. D.	175	0
100	Phoenix	385	0
25	Sassoon Silk	81	0
1000	Sholapur	5225	0
50	SIMPLEX	160	0
100	SWADESHI	380	0
100	SWAN	180	0
500	Vishnu	1550	0
1000	Western	1550	0
	BANKS		
50-100	Baroda X.D.	103	0
25-50	Central India X. D.	40	4
500	Imperial	1405	0
125-500	Imp. Cont.	345	0
50-100	India X. D.	132	8
100	RESERVE BANK	93	8
5	Union X. D.	5	14
	CEMENTS		
100	ASSOCIATED X. D.	156	8
	INSURANCE		
15-75	New India	40	8
100	Empire	700	0
15-100	Jupiter	13	4
20	Mercantile	60	0
200	Oriental	3450	0
10-50	Vulcan	8	0
	ELECTRIC		
100	Ahmedabad Old X.D.	164	6
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1510	0
10	Ajmer	13	1
60	BOMBAY TRAMS	129	0
100	Bombay Suburban	170	0
10	Broach	13	6
100	Karachi	195	0
100	Poona	217	0
100	Surat	170	0
100	TATA HYDRO	153	0
1000	TATA POWER	1320	0
	RAILWAYS		
500	Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	845	0
100	C. Province	104	0
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	102	0
100	Mandra Bhon	100	0
100	Pachora Jamner	92	8
100	Sara Sirajganj	95	8
500	Tapti Valley X. D.	617	8
	MININGS		
9	Burma Corporation	1	10
2sh.	Indian Copper	1	8 6
10	Indian Iron and Steel	22	0
30	SHIVRAJPUR	30	8
10	Mukund Iron	13	15
40	TATA STEEL DEFD	1275	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD	232	0
10	Steel Corporation	13	6
	MISCELLANEOUS		
100	ALCOCK	425	0
10	Air Services	3	0
60	BELAPUR SUGAR	225	0
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	316	0
100	B. BURMA	215	0
50	Contributory	62	8
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	1	1 6
100	IND. BLEACHING	140	0
80	Ind. Invest. Trust X.D.	46	8
100	Indian Radio Def	360	0
100	Indian Radio Ord	340	0
100	Port Canning	72	0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	108	0
15	Scindia	17	10
24	Tata Oil	42	8
24	Tata Chemical	13	14
100	Wimco	201	4
	PREFERENCE		
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1502	0
6	p.c. Bom. Steam	317	8
7	p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	72	8
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	665	0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	112	0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	106	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	146	4
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1523	12
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	180	0
7	1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd	109	0
7	p.c. Vishnu	715	0
	DEBENTURES		
4	p.c. Andhra Valley Deb	100	0
4	p.c. Bom. Telephone	48	0
5	p.c. Morarji	103	6
5	p.c. Sholapur	71	8
4	p.c Tata Power Deb.	105	8

Yarn Market Rules Quiet On Depressing Upcountry Advices

Bombay, April 8

There is no improvement in the yarn market during the whole past week so far as Indian yarns are concerned and whilst prices in many counts and qualities have remained nominally unchanged, the undertone has continued to remain distinctly weak. Reports from Southern Indian markets particularly from Coimbatore as well as from Ahmedabad have been depressing throughout the whole week. Some of these mills are reported to have been showing inclination to make sales of their yarns at much lower prices either from stock on or nearer deliveries. Over and above this, the continued unfavourable political situation combined with the latest news regarding the enemy's air attacks on some Eastern ports of this country have naturally created further nervousness amongst the dealers and consumers with the result that buyers are now very scarce and the purchases in yarns are therefore very limited and just sufficient for their immediate requirements. On the other hand some of the stockists are now trying to liquidate their stocks of yarns for fear of further raids in other ports of India, and in the absence of buyers prices are naturally declining further and further. Turnover in yarns during the week therefore was very limited. The Punjab, Frontier U. P. and such other Northern markets are the only bright spots in an otherwise dull and lifeless markets and the latest reports from these markets go to show that turnover over there has been steadily improving. In the cloth market, the undertone has remained steady and encouraging but all the same fears have been entertained that the markets may be disorganised if still more unfavourable War situation arises in the next few days. Cotton prices have declined further and this has naturally created an additional depressing effect on the yarn market. On the whole the yarn market continues to remain weak and no signs of improvement in near future are visible the moment.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS : Prices in artificial silk yarns as well as in staple fibre yarns have shown gradual improvement throughout the whole week. Reports from important consuming centres go to show that the handloom weavers have now been making regular purchases of these yarns inasmuch as cloth produced by them from yarns purchased at the present level of prices gives them sufficient margin of profit. Stocks however in the local market are very limited and on further improvement in enquiries prices are bound to improve further. Future tendency is distinctly hopeful.

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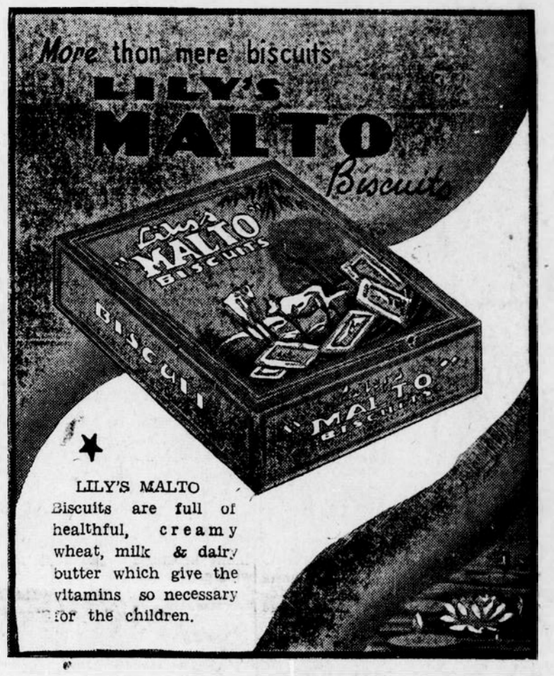

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Bombay, April 10

2 3/4	per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2	per cent G. P. Notes 88/4
3	per cent 1951/54 Loan 94/1
3	per cent 1949/52 Loan 95/4
4	per cent 1960/70 Loan 103
4	per cent 1945 Bonds 101/14
3	per cent War Bonds 98
3 1/2	per cent 1947/50 Loan 97/14
4 1/2	per cent 1955 Loan 107/8
	TAX FREE LOANS
5	per cent 1945/55 Loan 105/3
4	per cent 1953/63 Mysore 110
5	per cent 1955 Mysore 120 N
	CORPORATION DEBENTURES
4	per cent B P T 1947 98
4	per cent M Deb 1947 101
5	per cent M Deb 1959 109
5	per cent M Deb 1954 120
5	per cent K P T 1956 115

Tone :—Steady

Indian Sugar Remains Firm

JAVA SUGAR : Bombay, April 8

Since our last review, market for Java sugar ex-Bond has remained dull in absence of buying interest and the nominal quotation is Rs. 20 per cwt. i.e. Rs. 2 per cwt below the quotation of the last week. This is due to the fact that no permits are granted by the Government of India for Export. It is expected that prices will again advance at least to the last week's level as soon as permits are available. The holders are however firm and here is hardly any selling pressure except stray sales at current rate, mostly caused by the adverse political news. The present stocks are about 7,000 tons of which major portion is sold awaiting shipping space and permits from the Government for Export.

INDIAN SUGAR : Market for Indian sugar continued to remain firm for ready deliveries owing to restricted arrivals caused by the shortage of waggon supplies and good demand from consuming centres especially for shipments to Cutch and Kathiawar Ports. Prices on the whole recorded an advance of 4 to 6 annas per md. in ready while forward prices were practically unchanged. In Bombay Group May delivery and Gola Group July delivery, prices were easier especially in Gola Group due to reported decline of 3 to 4 annas on the Cawnpore Exchange. Business was reported in Gola Group at Rs. 12-13-0 per md. F.O.R. July delivery. Business was generally restricted except for sales for direct despatches to other centres than Bombay and rumours about Government control on sugar. The position as regards Indian sugar seems to be very healthy for further rise in prices as there is every possibility of shortage of supplies at the end of the current season i.e. from July onwards. Local stocks of Indian sugar are rather low and unless the arrivals improve there is every possibility of shortage in local supplies resulting in still higher prices. Even to-day there is a premium in ready of 8 annas per md. over forward F.O.R. deliveries. Closing tone of the market was firm for ready and quiet for forward.

CALCUTTA & KARACHI : There was no interest in Java sugar except some business in Karachi for shipments to overseas. As regards Indian sugar Calcutta market was reported steady owing to good demand from consuming centres. Business was reported in certain mills qualities at a premium of Rs. 2 to Rs. 2/4 per md. over the Syndicate limits. In Karachi market was firm for ready owing to restricted arrivals and good spot demand.

GENERAL : Market for Imported sugar is likely to remain unchanged and movement of the prices will depend on the demand from Overseas. Position as regards indian sugar remains firm with every possibility of further advance in prices at least during the current season in view of the fact that supplies are not sufficient upto the production of the coming crop. Much will however depend on the political developments.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 10

LONDON :—

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.

Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/15 Four months.

B. C. Rates :—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/6 15/16

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/6 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32

NEW YORK :—

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 329

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Trade And Finance

IMPROVED DEMAND FOR MONEY

BULLION PRICES DECLINE

Industrial Shares Rule Dull

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, April 10.

MONEY.

Some improvement in demand for money was noticeable during the week under review and call money was quoted upto 3/4 per cent. and 3 to 6 months' money around 1 1/2 per cent. The discount on three months' Government of India Treasury Bills again went up fractionally from Rs. 1/2/11 to Rs. 1/3/7 per cent. per annum. Tap Bills sold on tap during the week amounted to Rs. 67.50 lakhs.

Yet another increase of Rs. 6.60 crores in the active note circulation in India is revealed by the weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled upto 3rd April. Total notes issued show an expansion of Rs. 7.52 crores. On the Assets' side, Sterling Securities held by the Bank record a rise of Rs. 19 crores, whereas Rupee securities have declined by Rs. 11 crores. Rupee Coin held by the Bank has fallen by Rs. 17.97 lacs. The ratio of gold bullion and coin plus sterling assets to total liabilities has gone up by 3.38 to 61.416 per cent. In the Banking Department, there is an all-round decline in Deposits; those on account of Governments have fallen by Rs. 2.12 crores, whereas Bankers' and Miscellaneous Deposits have declined by Rs. 77.44 lacs and Rs. 52.30 lacs respectively. Balances held abroad record a rise of Rs. 13.93 crores. Government have wiped out all their outstanding under Ways & Means.

EXCHANGE

No new trends characterised the rupee sterling exchange market during the week under report and the volume of business was restricted. Sellers of Spot T.T. on London quoted 1s. 5-6/64d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Some showing of merchandise export bills was again reported though on a very restricted scale. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of T.T. on London (spot and upto six months) 1s. 5-31/32d.

Buyers of T.T. on London (spot and upto six months) 1s. 6-1/32d.

In the free market in New York, the pound sterling remained pegged at 403.50 throughout.

GOLD

The gold market was inclined to be quieter on account of a falling-off in the demand for ready gold. Opening at Rs. 51-4, ready gold went up to Rs. 52-12 on Tuesday, but despite the fact that Indian territory was raided by the Enemy for the first time in this war, there was a decline in rates, which dropped to Rs. 49-10 at the close April and May settlement gold was quoted at par with spot. The price of sovereigns also declined in sympathy with gold and was quoted at Rs. 37-12 at the end as against Rs. 39 at the opening. Floating stocks of gold are estimated to be about 200,000 tolas; arrivals from upcountry are said to have averaged about 10,000 tolas a day; whilst the average daily offtake is put at 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were ; Rs. 52-12 and Rs. 49-10 for spot and May settlement.

SILVER

The silver section of the local bullion market was also inclined to be easy particularly towards the close. Opening at Rs. 84-4, spot silver went up to Rs. 87-15 on Tuesday, but thereafter declined by stages to Rs. 83-7 at the close. Earlier in the week, April settlement silver was quoted at a discount of Rs. 5 to Rs. 5/8 whereas May settlement which was quoted cum duty commanded a premium of Rs. 1/8 over April Ready silver of .916 fineness was available at a discount of Rs. 2-4 under duty Stocks of silver are estimated to be about 6,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 87-15 and Rs. 83-7 for spot and Rs. 84 and 79-15 for May settlement.

GILT-EDGED

Business in the local gilt-edged market continued on a small scale with hardly any change in values of securities. Towards the close, however, the market turned steadier on better Indian political news. 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper, which was quoted at Rs. 88-9 at the start, dropped down to Rs. 88-2 midweek, but recovered somewhat and closed at Rs. 88-4. Among other dated bonds 2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 remained static at Rs. 93 and 3 per cent. 1945 bonds at Rs. 98, whilst 3 1/2 1947-50 loan evoked some inquiry at Rs. 98 and 3 per cent. (tax free) loan at Rs. 103-2. 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan was quoted nominally at Rs. 94-1 and 3 per cent. 1966-69 loan at Rs. 88-8, but 4 per cent. 1943 bonds were unchanged to be offered at Rs. 101-4. Small business was reported in 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan at Rs. 103-2, but 4 1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan was almost neglected around Rs. 107-8 all through the week.

SHARES

The local stock market ruled dull with a quiet undertone following reports to the effect that some of the South Indian Ports had been raided by the Enemy. There was an all-round selling pressure, but in the absence of buyers, business was meagre. After mid-week, however, the market turned steadier following the issue of an Ordinance regarding War Risk Insurance for Factories, but this recovery proved only transitory and at the close, once again quieter conditions returned.

Tata Deferreds dropped from Rs. 1,300 to Rs. 1,100, but subsequently recovered and closed at Rs. 1,285, while Ordinaries, after touching the low of Rs 215 mid-week, closed higher at Rs. 232. Similar conditions characterised the textile group; Bombay Dyeings were quoted about 100 points lower at Rs. 1,000, whilst Centuries, which had declined to Rs. 365 earlier in the week, were quoted somewhat higher at Rs. 382 at the finish. Central Indias opened quieter at Rs. 395, but finished steadier at Rs. 325. Kohinoors and New Great showed small variations around Rs. 416 and Rs. 240 respectively. Almost Hydro-electrics, Andhra Valleys were almost static around Rs. 1,475 for cash, whilst small business was reported in Bombay Trams at Rs. 125-8 for spot delivery. Tata Hydros ruled steady at Rs. 152, whilst Tata Powers were inclined to be offered at Rs. 1,335 for cash as against the opening level of Rs. 1,375. Bank and Insurance shares also shared the same fate; Central Banks, after touching Rs. 37-8 mid-week, closed higher at Rs. 40-4; Bank of India touched Rs. 129-8, closing about 3 points higher at Rs. 132-8, whilst Imperial Bank Fully Paids declined to Rs. 1,290 on Tuesday, but were quoted at Rs. 1,405 at the close. Reserve Banks ruled weak at Rs. 93-8. New India Insurance shares were done at Rs. 39-4. In the miscellaneous bloc of shares, Associated Cements were steady at Rs. 156-8 whilst Belapurs were neglected at Rs. 225. Bombay, Burmas and Scindias were both steady at Rs. 222-8 and Rs. 17-10 respectively with very little inquiry in evidence.

War Risk (Goods) Amendments

NEW DELHI April 10.

An ordinance further amending the War Risks (Goods) Insurance Ordinance, 1940, has been promulgated to-day by which three important changes have been made.

The first is that the definition of the expression "War Risks" has now been extended to cover damage resulting from destructive action taken by or under orders of Government in order to deny facilities to the enemy.

The second is that where the rate of premium is changed in respect of a quarter, power has been taken to charge the higher rate from persons who may have already taken out policies at the lower rate. This was necessitated by the fact that in consequence of the above mentioned extension of the definition of war risks and rate of premium chargeable on policies under the Ordinance in respect of the quarter beginning on April 1 1942, which was fixed by a notification dated March 16 1942 at annas two for each complete sum of Rs. 100 per month had to be subsequently raised to annas three but in the meanwhile some policies had been taken out in advance at the lower rate.

The third amendment extends cover on a compulsory basis to goods owned by firms carrying on business in British India which are situated in the State area inside the Cochin Port limits and also the area inside the boundaries of the Municipal Committees of Ernakulam and Mattancherri The original Ordinance extended only to British India as a result of which goods insured in British India lost cover as soon as they crossed the British Indian border. This interfered with the passage of goods through the Cochin Port the special circumstances of which have now been provided for.—A. P.

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	New York, April 10.
Previous closing	19.78
To-day's opening	19.85
Difference	+.07
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 10.
Following are the New York opening ranges :—
May (19.54/53) 19.72/71
July (19.67/67) 19.85/85
October (19.86/85) 19.99/99

LONDON COMMODITIES.
London, April 10.
SEEDS
Castorseeds April/May (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta April/May (£20 nominal) £20 nominal.
Linseed La Plata April/May unquoted
Groundnut Coromandal Coast April/May (East Coast India shipment not quoted. £20 West Coast India shipment) £20 sellers.
LONDON METALS
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.
T.T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, April 10.
Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening 4.03 3/4
TT LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, April 10.
Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION.
London, April 10.
London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0
LONDON SILVER
London, April 10.
Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, April 10.
New York Stock Exchange opening prices:
General Motors (dol 34 1/2) dol 34
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 1/4) unquoted
United States Steel Common (dol 49 1/8) dol 49 1/8
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 10.
The Stock Exchange was dull to-day.

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, April 10.

The share market continued quiet and only a limited business was put through during the day.

N. B. The rooms of the Stock Exchange will remain entirely closed on Monday, the 13th and Tuesday, the 14th of April, 1942, on account of "Chaitra Sankranti" and "Bengali New Years Day".

Following are the closing prices at 2 p.m.

Government Securities:—Three and a half per cent Government Paper 87/12, five per cent U.P Bonds 1944 103

Banks:—Reserve Bank 91.

Cottons:—New Victoria Ordy 4/8.

Coals:—Amalgamated 26/4.

Minings:—Burma Corpn. 2; Indian Copper 1/11.

Chemical:—Alkali and Chemical pref 102/8.

Electric:—Muttra elec. 8/5.

Engg. Companies:—Indian iron and steel 22/3; Steel Corpn. (ordy) 13/8; Steel Corpn. (pref) 91/8.

Miscellaneous:—B. I. Corpn. pref. 159; Champaran 19/8 c.s.; Tezpore pref. 14/8 c.s.—A. P.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London, April 10.
3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOAN
London, April 10.
5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 5/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 7/16
2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 15/16
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 7/16
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106 1/16
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 5/8

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors 16-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-9
Electric Music Industry 13-7 1/2
Princhin Johnson 21-1 1/2
Imperial Chemical 33-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary 50-1 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76 1/4
Dundee 25-3
Unilever Ordinary 25-9
Ford Motors 24-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £51 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 5/8
Carreas 'A' £5
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/8
P and O Defd 27-7 1/2
Distillers 74-6
Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2
British Celanese 6-6
J and P Coates 35-1 1/2
Courtals Ordinary 32-9
Fine Cotton Spinners 7-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-4 1/2
Inter Nickel dol 39 3/4
Indian Iron 33-1 1/2

TEA SHARES
Assam 10-7 1/2
Donaro Tea 20-6
Empire of India 11-3

JUTE
Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-9
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 11-9

MINING SHARES
Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-3
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 7/8
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES
Crown £8 5/8
Associated Portland Cement 44-4 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub-Nigel £5 7/8
Spring Mines Split Share £1
Union Corporation 128-9

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 35-7 1/2
Burma Oil £1 15/32
Mexican Eagle 12-7 1/2
Shell Transport £1 29/32
Royal Dutch £14

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary £41
London Midland Ordinary £17 3/4
London North Eastern Defd £1 5/8
London Southern Defd £14 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
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AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EXCELSIOR—"You'll Never Get Rich", 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Keep 'em Flying", 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Ali Baba", 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1-30
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 11 a.m.
METRO—"One Foot in Heaven", 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Malan", 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Captain Caution", 4 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Doctor", 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap", 2-30, 5-45, & 8-45 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow morning at 11-15"
EDWARD—"Qaidi" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi", 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
AURORA—"Sikandar", 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Sunday morning at 10-30 a.m.
PALACE—"Blossoms in the Dust", 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Kirti", 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Pahila Paina" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1
NOVELTY—"Society", 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
SUPER—"Kis-ki-Bibi", 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1-30
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar", 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar", 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 12 noon
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna", 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 12-45 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas", 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Musafir", 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.

DANCE RECITAL AT ASTIK SAMAJ: In aid of the Kathakali Art Centre there will be a dance recital on Sunday 12th inst. at 7-30 p.m. at the Astik Samaj Hall, Matunga (G.I.P.)

BAND AT ESPLANADE: The Original Imperial Band will play a programme of music at the Esplanade Bandstand, Fort-Bombay, to-day (Saturday), from 5-0 to 8-0 p.m. (S.T.).

NAVAL FIRING PRACTICE: Naval firing practice will take place off the port of Bombay at 11 a.m. to-day (Saturday). The sound of gun-fire, therefore, should not cause alarm.

JAMA'ATUL-MUSLIMEEN BOMBAY: The Sixth Lecture on the Quran will be delivered to-day (Saturday), at 2-30 p.m. at the Hall of the Jama'at, at Bhendi Bazar Jn., Wazir Bldg., 2nd floor, room 19. on "Secrets of the successful party".

PARSIS AND THE PRESS: To-day (Saturday) Mr. Ratanshaw Mithaiwala will deliver a lecture on the subject 'The Parsis and Press', at the Sir Ratan Tata Welfare Centre Pavilion, Cowasji Jehangir Colony, Tardeo at 6-30 p.m.

INDIAN CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD: "A meeting of the Indian Christian Brotherhood will be held to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the Methodist Centenary Church, Grant Road, under the presidentship of Mr. J. S. Williams, B.A., C.T., of Christ Church High School."

WHEAT SHORTAGE IN BOMBAY: The President of the Bombay Grain Dealers' Association in the course of his telegrams to the Viceroy and the Governor of Bombay says:—There is acute shortage of wheat in Bombay and Suburbs. In spite of repeated requests Government failed to do anything in the matter. He urges the Viceroy and Governor to arrange the supply of wheat immediately to avoid panic.

"Priti Bhojan"

The Cosmopolitan Dinner (Priti Bhojan) which is the annual feature of the National Week programme will take place at the Congress House to-day (Saturday), at 5 p.m. (S.T.).

NO ROLLER SKATES AFTER SUN-SET

The Commissioner of Police has issued an order saying that no person shall use roller skates on any public street or footpath between the hours of 6 a.m. and midnight.

BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND

FOR INDIAN RED CROSS & AMENITIES FOR TROOPS

Rs. 709-13 Through the Mamlatdar, Dapoli, Ratnagiri District; Rs. 410-0-5 Through the Mamlatdar, Dapoli, Ratnagiri District; Rs. 197 Through the Treasury Officer, Surat; Rs. 126 Through the Mamlatdar, Broach.

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FOR RELIEF FOR THE DEPENDENTS OF INDIAN FIGHTING SERVICES.

Rs. 6,200-8 The Millowners' Association, being the total collections made by sale of admission tickets to the Wrestling Tournament held on the 11th March 1942 under the auspices of the Association.

Grand total on Friday (including sum less than Rs. 100) Rs. 88,52,358-5-2.

SPECIAL COURSE FOR WOMEN STUDENTS

A special course for students will be conducted at the Women Workers' Training Camp now run at Abrama by the A.-I. Women's Conference from 15th April to 15th June, 1942, to enable students who could not come for the full course from March. The fees for the special course will be: Rs. 5 admission fee, Rs. 65 Camp fee and Rs. 10 for uniform. All applications should reach the Secretary, A.I.W.C. Women Workers' Training Camp, Abrama, (via Vedeha, B.B. & C.I. Rly.) by the 12th April, 1942.

Insolvent Refused Leave To Appeal To Privy Council

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kania).

This was a Petition for leave to appea to the Privy Council filed by Jethmal Narandas.

The Petitioner was adjudicated insolvent on 20th August 1940 at the instance of Mahadev Anandji Dhoria and Manilal Naran. On appeal, this Order of Adjudication was set aside on 10th September 1940 on the ground that there had not been a proper proof of the debt within the terms of Section 13 of the Presidency—towns Insolvency Act, and the petition was remanded to the trial judge for such inquiry.

The matter was heard over again by the trial judge, Mr. Justice Somjee who on 11th July, 1941 adjudged the Petitioner Jethmal Narandas insolvent. The Petitioner appealed from that order but on 25th September 1941 the Court of Appeal upheld the Order of Adjudication passed on the Petitioner.

The present application by the Petitioner was for leave to appeal to the Privy Council 'inter alia' on the ground that the subject matter involved was over Rs. 10,000 and that a substantial question of law was involved.

Their Lordships refused to grant the leave prayed for and dismissed the application with costs.

Mr. M. P. Laud instructed by Messrs Pereira Fazalbhoy and Co. appeared for the Petitioner.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga instructed by Messrs N. C. Dalal and Co. appeared for the Respondents.

Parsi Holiday Drama Tomorrow

Tomorrow (Sunday) is a Parsi holiday, for the Avan Ardvisoor Jasan falls that day, Zoroastrians will offer special prayers before the sea. In order to give them a chance to enjoy a pleasant evening with entertainment, the New Baliwala Dramatics are putting on boards, after a long interval, their popular play, 'Pakzad Parin' at the Baliwala Theatre, Tardeo, which continues to draw big houses as the theme of the drama has caught the imagination of the theatre fans. Both the tragic and comic sections are ably handled by the versatile actors of the company. Besides Moonibai's leading role in which she acquits her so creditably the cynosure of all eyes—as has been proved lately—will be the five-year old boy prodigy Minoo whose song captivates the audience. The play starts punctually at 3-15 p.m.

National Week In The Suburbs

(From Our Correspondent.)
KHAR, April 10.

Enthusiasm prevailed in the Suburban towns over the National Week programmes; in which prominent speaker addressed the public on various topics of the present day situation. Processions, exhibitions and practical demonstrations of various defence saving devices were the main features during the week.

Spinning, Flag Salutations and Prabhat Pheri were also the items in the programmes for the week.

Vile Parle Nagar Saunrakshana Samiti had taken pains to have a very good exhibition of various artic es necessary for civic defence. The exhibition was opened by Syt. B. G. Kher on Sunday last.

Khar, Santa Cruz Andheri had also added their quotas to the week in a befitting manner.

NATIONAL WEEK AT BROACH.
(From Our Correspondent.)
BROACH, April 6.

In order to celebrate National Week a Prabhat Pheri was taken out at 8-30 a.m. from the office of the District Congress Committee. Flag salutation ceremony took place at 7-30 a.m. in the Jawahar Bazar. Mass spinning demonstration was held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the office of the District Congress Committee.

NAVROZ JASHAN: Under the auspices of the Parsi Genuine Fasali Year Institution, in accordance with the Sun's entry in the Constellation of Anies, Novroz Jashan ceremony will be performed from 8-45 to 9-45 a.m., on Tuesday (14th April), at Firozbai Wachha Fire Temple, opposite Petit Library, Hornby Road.

PATHARE PRABHU SOCIAL SAMAJ: To-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. in the N. D. Prabhu Seminary Hall, Bhai Jivanji Lane, Thakurdwar, there will be an Inter Debate With Youths Parliament when Mr. C. G. Trilokekar of the Samaj will propose "That in the opinion of this house Eat, Drink and Be Merry should be our motto." Prof. Gracious will preside.

ON THE AIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Delhi, I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Bibe Khan. 5-15 Ustad Yusuf Ali. 5-30 Thumri Aur Dadra. 6-20 Mehboob Jan. 6-35 Zinda Hasan. 6-50 Bibe Khan. 7 Sohan Singh. 7-15 Raftar-e-Zamana by M. Mujeeb. 7-30 War inquiry. 7-35 Mehboob Jan. 7-46 For villagers only. 8-30 Dhol Ka Pol. 8-45 Ustad Yusuf Ali. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Introducing China. 2. 10 Namakdan.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Delhi 2. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Delhi 2. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 to 9-20 As in Delhi 2. 9-20 A.R.P talk.

Bombay II—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12 noon to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
From 7-30 p.m. Bombay 2 will operate on 61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. To-morrow. 5-5 to 5-25 G. S. Yellapurkar (Vocal) 5-25 to 5-40 Tufail. (Vocal 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Violin Recital (Karadkar) 6 News in English. 6-10 News in Hindustani 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half-hour. 7 Indian music. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Delhi 2. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Dhol Ka Pol. 8-45 Maya Bannerjee's Interview. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 to 9-55 As in Delhi 2. 9-55 Listening post. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2.

Lighting Reduction Test

A lighting reduction test is being held on the night of Sunday-Monday, April 12-13.

All gas consumers are reminded of the instructions already issued to them by the Bombay Gas Company, to the effect that they should close their stop-valves and gas taps by midnight on Sunday and not reopen them before 5 a.m. on Monday.

The Bombay Gas Company's other instructions should also be carefully followed.

Letters Posted Without Address!

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On an average 216 articles were posted in India daily without any address! 5,363,000 postal articles were dealt with by the Dead Letter Offices of the Posts and Telegraphs in 1940-41.

Articles opened in these offices were found to contain cheques, currency notes, bills of exchange, coins and other property! A large proportion of these articles was subsequently delivered to the addressees or senders. Of the articles handled by the D.L.O.s, only nine per cent were deposited as undeliverable, the rest being either reissued for delivery to the addresses or returned to the senders.

BEST WORKERS' UNION: The third annual general meeting of the members of the BEST Workers' Union, Bombay, (formerly known as the Tramway Traffic Union) will be held to-day (Saturday), at 11 p.m. (S.T.) at Ramchandra Bhatt High School, Gokhale Society Lane, near Kamgar Maidan, Parel, Sjt. Purushottam Trikamdas will preside.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY: An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society to amend Rule No. 3 will be held to-day (Saturday), at 4-15 p.m. (S.T.) at the Baha'i Hall.

The annual general meeting of the Society will be held at 4-45 p.m. at the same place.

The meeting will be followed by a Social of members and guests.

VEGETABLE DYES: The Bombay Government has sanctioned a scheme for extending and developing the research and experimental work in the use of vegetable dyes on wool and woollen manufactures at the Sheep Breeding Research Station at Poona, and for the training of villagers in the use of such dyes. The scheme will be in operation for three years and will cost about Rs. 6,300.

FREE HINDI CLASSES: Free Hindi classes have been restarted under the auspices of Bombay Hindi Vidyapeeth at the following places:—Vidyapeeth office, Marwari Vidyalaya Bhavan, Sandhurst Road, Girgaon, on Saturday and Sunday evening between 4 and 6 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.; Sharada Sadan (A.E.S. Girls' High School) behind Girgaon Marathi Shala, Sunday morning at 8 a.m.; Chabildas High School, Library Street Dadar (B.B. and C.I.) on Sunday morning at 8 a.m.; Shishu Shikshana Mandal, Ganeshbag, Chembur, (Sunday morning at 8 a.m.); and Ramchandra Bhatt High School, Parel, Sunday 8 a.m.

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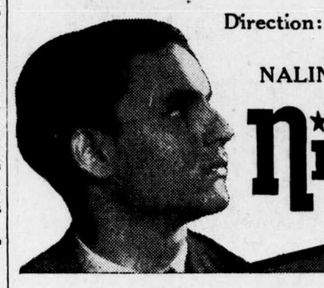

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AVOIDABLE HITCH

The negotiations about the Cripps scheme seem to be taking sharp turns from day to day and the latest reports show that a deadlock has been reached. The reports of a satisfactory settlement that were widely current on Thursday were proved premature the following day. It appears that differences have re-emerged over the question of Defence and that the detailed explanations now given of the changes in the original Cripps proposals are considered by Congress leaders as unsatisfactory. As a Congress leader is said to have put it, the second reading stage of the Bill has revealed unsuspected difficulties. Whether these difficulties will be got over is again a matter of speculation. It is definitely known that the Working Committee's decisions are unanimous and have been communicated to Sir Stafford Cripps. The report that the Congress President is leaving Delhi to-day for Allahabad 'en route' to Calcutta has a touch of finality about it which is not pleasant to contemplate. More light may be thrown on the situation by Sir Stafford at the Press Conference he is convening to-day and by the Congress resolution and the supplementary statement which also the President hopes to be able to publish to-day.

Distrust Of People

According to the Associated Press, the real hitch is mainly owing to differences on the transfer of defence to Indian control, on the Congress demand for a virtual end of the Secretary of State's control and on the demand that where a majority of the future cabinet were agreed the Viceroy should not use his power of veto,—which, in short, means that the Cripps proposals, even as modified, do not satisfy the Indian demand for a genuine National Government. At the outset Sir Stafford refused point-blank to give an Indian Minister any control over Defence. But it appears that in the light of almost unanimous demand for such control he accepted the principle of the demand and obtained even the War Cabinet's consent to partial transfer of control. The eleventh hour hitch is in all probability with regard to the exact demarcation of the spheres of the Indian Minister and the British Commander-in-Chief. According to the Associated Press, the Working Committee of the Congress feel that during the detailed discussion of the new Defence formula it became clear that powers and functions intended to be transferred were unsatisfactory. There is no trouble about such demarcation in Britain or even in Australia. But in India Britain still distrusts the people and is striving to concede as little as possible to the Indian Minister and to reserve as much as possible for the British representative. The question is no longer whether Defence is to be transferred or reserved. It is rather how much is to be transferred. The problem is doubtless much narrowed down But the unsolved part is of vital importance to India.

Not Too Late Yet

The problem cannot be satisfactorily solved by Britain and America trying to hustle India into accepting a nominal control over Defence on the plea that the enemy has almost entered the gate. It is precisely because the enemy has entered the gate that every Indian has got to be stirred to battle fervour. And this is possible only if he feels that India is free and is being defended by her own Ministers. It is also objected that diarchy is most dangerous in the conduct of the war. But what India demands is not diarchy but an extension of the principle of division of labour to the department of Defence. She demands the application to India of the policy that is followed in free democratic countries, where in the last analysis the Defence and other departments are controlled by the Cabinet and the Commander-in-Chief and other heads of departments carry out its instructions. If this policy is followed here before it is too late, it will be an advantage to Britain as well as India. According to reports it is not merely on the ground of Defence that a settlement has not been reached. Differences have emerged on this and also other matters on which it was previously thought that an understanding was in sight. It may be that even Sir Stafford Cripps himself has been overruled by the British Cabinet. We trust, however, that it is even now not too late for wiser counsels to prevail with the latter. The Congress, though unable to accept the War Cabinet's proposals, is prepared to take office if the Government at the Centre is a truly National Government with Cabinet responsibility and not merely an extension of the Governor-General's Council. The Congress stand is the only one it can take up consistently with the country's honour and its urgent need in the hour of its greatest danger and, above all, in the interest of victory in the War.

Eat More Gur

In these times of dislocation of trade and transport, and shortage of certain food supplies it is necessary for the State and the public to decide what is essential and what is non-essential in the matter of the food requirements of the bulk of the population. It is also desirable to see what is more easily available and in proportion to nutritive value comparatively less costly. From this point of view it is interesting to observe from a quasi-official publication, the "Gur Market Review" published by the Gur Development Department of the Government of the United Provinces, a plea for the use of gur in preference to refined sugar. Writing in the "Year Book of Agricultural Co-operation' Dr. C. R. Fay, the Chairman of the Horace Plunkett Foundation, describes sugar taken in the form of gur as eminently suited to the food requirements of our people. It has, he remarks, more flavour, is sweeter and from the presence in it of certain vitamins it is a better food than white factory sugar for the rank and file of the population.

Researches and investigations conducted by Rao Bahadur B. Vishwanath and Mr. P. Satyanarayana, which are referred to in the course of an article in the "Gur Market Review", also lend support to the view commonly held that gur is superior in nutritive value to white or refined sugar. That is so because of its mineral contents' protein, animoacids and the presence of some vitamins. In other countries there is nothing corresponding to the gur produced in India. But lately, as a result of certain experiments conducted in America and Hawaii, there has been produced an article called cane molasses, which is the nearest approach to gur. This has been found to yield better nutritive and dietic value than sugar, thus substantiating the claim put forward, several years ago, by the All-India Village Industries Association that the practice of eating gur in preference to sugar deserves to be encouraged. It has to be emphasized, moreover, that gur is a product turned out mostly by agriculturists themselves on a cottage industry basis while sugar is manufactured in large scale central factories owned by joint stock corporations. Gur production is thus an industry allied to agriculture which deserves encouragement in the existing conditions of Indian rural economy.

Kashmir's Lead

Kashmir has given, in several respects, a wise lead to the States in general with regard to constitutional changes in India. Speaking in the State Assembly the other day, Sir N. Gopalaswami Iyengar, Prime Minister, wholeheartedly supported the demand for an Indian Defence Minister. Indeed, speaking of the States in general he said: "The Indian States are as vitally interested as the rest of India as to who holds this portfolio and how it is administered. They support the need at this juncture for a wholehearted acceptance of what the leaders of all political parties in the country and independent thinking statesmen have unanimously demanded. There should really be no difficulty in the new Defence Member and the Commander-in-Chief working in unison in the conduct of the war." If this is really the view of all or most Princes, a notable change must have come over them. Evidently, they expect a wiser Defence policy under an Indian Minister and a better war effort, a matter which concerns them and the States people quite as much as it does the rest of India.

Referring to the proposed Indian Union and the attitude of the States towards it, Sir N. G. Iyengar said that from administrative, financial and other points of view it would not be possible for the Princes to stand out of the Union or to form another Union. About Kashmir itself he said that it would "welcome the formation only of a single Indian Union and would do its utmost to co-operate in the work of framing a suitable constitution for it, so as to enable it, when that constitution is made, to accede to it." This is a fine lead and deserves to be followed by all other States.

Frankly Speaking

A Heavy Blow

Developments in what may be described as the Indian Ocean front are dominated by the sinking of the "Dorsetshire" and the "Cornwall". This is both sad and serious. Both were heavy cruisers, probably constituting the spearhead of the small British naval force in Indian waters. Their loss, therefore, constitutes a heavy blow to the British forces and considerably delays the already slow and painful process of building up another Eastern Fleet out of the extremely strained resources of the British. Meanwhile the Japanese have obviously established naval supremacy in the Bay of Bengal. What danger this fact represents is clear from British shipping losses in the area and from the visit of Japanese air craft to Vizagapatam, Cocanada and Madras. The more painfully unfortunate part of the whole situation is British weakness in the air, too. The tragedy of the cruisers appears to be a repetition of the tragedy of the two battleships off Malaya. The Admiralty has not yet given details, but even if the cruisers did have some air-protection it was obviously far from adequate enough to contest the Japanese assault which seems to have been carried out in force and, considering that they concentrated upon and got the heavier units, with great skill and determination.

Trincomalee And After

Consolation, though poor, can, however, be derived from the results of the raid on Trincomalee. The raiders did cause damage but they paid a price, fourteen of them being damaged or destroyed. More interesting is the report of a British air attack on the Japanese naval squadron, resulting in "near misses" to an aircraft carrier and the shooting down of four Japanese fighters for the loss of "some of our aircraft." In this connection it is noteworthy that Sir Geoffrey Layton has adopted the policy of not disclosing his own losses. This is very different from the policy consistently pursued by the British and the other United Nations and it is not desirable. The loss of the British air craft carrier, "Hermes", added to that of the "Dorsetshire" and the "Cornwall", is a tremendous blow. As to the raid itself it is welcome not because of its material achievements—they were poor—but it does give the impression as an agency message says, that offensive action is being taken against the Japanese units prowling in Ceylon waters. It is very necessary that some of these units should be eliminated soon.

A Heroic Chapter

Bataan has fallen and with its fall has practically closed one of the most heroic chapters of this war. It was a magnificent feat to hold out without air support and without any reinforcements for three months against an overwhelming force. And every tribute that has been paid to the gallant Filippino and American troops and their great commanders is fully deserved. They have covered themselves with glory. But the end of Bataan is a tragedy. The Japanese are now exclusive masters of the whole south-western Pacific. A glance at the map makes abundantly clear the tremendous strategical significance of this fact. Moreover, even though General Wainwright may continue some kind of resistance from Corregidor the fall of Bataan has released nearly a hundred thousand Japanese soldiers for service elsewhere. The menace to Australia, upper Burma and even China has thus been considerably increased.

Lull Again

The Cairo communique dealing with operations on Wednesday suggested that General Rommel was not going to make his anticipated advance. At least one interpretation of this, as given by Reuter, is that what the German General is anxious about is the protection of his present lines and particularly the Martuba landing grounds, that, therefore, he advanced a little further into No Man's Land to give his present lines better defence in depth. That may be so. But if General Rommel is not strong enough to strike and if, on the other hand the British, as is claimed, hold the initiative, what is precluding General Ritchie from taking the offensive? We do not know the reason, unless it be that General Ritchie, too, is not strong enough.

People's Responsibility

In a stirring call to his countrymen Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru says: "Whatever the result of the negotiations with Sir Stafford Cripps the duty of every Indian to serve and defend India to the uttermost remains." The people can do much for the country's defence even if their leaders are denied the administrative power which rightfully belongs to them. Their work will be most efficient if it is well planned and organised. And the absorption of the people in such work will help them more to shed panicky fears than the passive listening to the common appeals not to get panicky. Pandit Jawaharlal also says that many Indians in distant and foreign countries, have cabled to him expressing their earnest desire to return to their homeland and participate in her defence. We share his hope that such persons will be given due facilities for their return to India by the authorities concerned.

BRITISH PLEDGE TO INDIA

(CONTRIBUTED)

LONDON.

This note is drawn on the authority of Mr. Lloyd George's two published works—his "War Memoirs' 6 vols. 1933—hereafter referred to as 4wm which means the 4th volume of that work, and "The Truth about the Peace Treaties" 2 vols. 1938, referred to as 2pp.

A General Pledge

(1) In November, 1916 President Wilson was for the second time elected as President of the United States. His attitude towards the war was till then indifferent, as he shared the view that it was a war between two Imperialists for their own selfish ends.

(2) The British Government had been trying to persuade him to enter the war but he refused. But in December, 1916 with the collapse of Russia, England was faced with certain defeat unless it could obtain the aid of America. But before committing himself President Wilson queried the British Cabinet about their war aims. In Mr. Lloyd George's own words "neutral opinion had been poisoned to an appreciable extent by enemy propaganda which represented our aims as selfish and imperialistic" (2PT p. 52).

"In substance our reply meant restoration, reparation, self-determination, disarmament and some means other than war of establishing and enforcing justice amongst the nations in their dealings with each other" (ib. p53).

"It is equally important to recall the fact that President Wilson was satisfied with the character of our reply and that soon afterwards he brought America into the war" (ib. pp.53,54).

(3) But before doing so, he insisted upon a public declaration of Britain's policy and promised to make his own declaration before he could commit his great Democracy to draw its sword which it would never do in defence of Imperialism, but which it would gladly do if it were convinced that Great Britain had for once and for ever abandoned Imperialism in favour of Democracy.

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(4) As all the white Colonies and India had been for long crying out for Self-Government and equal partnership with Great Britain and as for many years England had been temporising with them, the white Colonies had taken advantage of the war and were promising co-operation only if England removed their fetters of subservience to the British Parliament.

(5) India was then as even now a mere Dependency, but in December, 1916 its Congress had passed a resolution in favour of Self-Government.

The British Government were thus faced with a situation from which escape was not possible except by adopting the liberal policy embodied in their reply above quoted. Mr. Lloyd George reveals that that reply had the consent of all parties and with their approval he publicly declared on 5th January, 1917 that "The consent of the governed must be the basis of any territorial settlement in the war." (ib. p. 757).

"President Wilson in his famous "Fourteen Points" speech followed the same lines" (ib. p. 757). This speech was delivered three days later, on the 8th of January, 1917. The two parallel statements, made by the heads of the two Democracies after mutual consultation, were intended to be singly and jointly, and in fact doubly, binding on the two people.

(6) The "Lusitania" was sunk in the meantime, but beyond being provocative act, it was not the cause of America's entry into the war.

(7) Convinced that England had reformed and restated her policy, which both President Wilson and the American public believed was not an opportunist confession but a sincere change of faith, President Wilson by a message dated the 2nd April, 1917 recommended America's entry into the war, and the Congress voted it on the 4th and 5th of April, 1917.

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The Indian Pledge

(8) Turning next to India, it will be seen from the foregoing analysis that the British Government had already decided to abandon exploitation in favour of democracy all round.

India had been claiming self-Rule ever since the Congress was initiated 56 years ago. In the beginning of the present century a section of the people lost faith in constitutional agitation and started a revolutionary movement which led to the murder of Europeans, political dacoities and fires, but the Congress continued to carry on constitutional agitation, though it was powerless to check direct action.

(9) In 1914 when the Great War broke out India joined the war and sent out an expeditionary force to fight in France, but both the Congress and the Muslim League demanded freedom. From 1914 to 1916 the British Cabinet took no action. The rest will be clear from the following quotations from Lloyd George's two works. I subjoin his ipsissima verba:

(10) "When the collapse of Russia and the consequent withdrawal of masses of German troops from the Eastern to the Western front forced us to draw on our forces in Mesopotamia and Palestine for reinforcements in the French battle area, we had to fill up our divisions on the Turkish front with Indian units. All this gave force to the plea that the principle of Government with the consent of the governed should be extended to India" (2PT pp. 754,55).

(11) "India had made large contributions of men and money to the carrying on of the war and her troops were fighting alongside white soldiers and against white enemies. This fact had created a new self-consciousness which showed itself in a demand for greater recognition and it also made consultation with them about the further conduct of the war just and desirable" (4WM p 1738).

(12) Hence the Imperial Conference of 1917 was summoned on a special basis outside the official Constitution. The representation of India in the Imperial War Cabinet was the beginning of the open recognition of India's new status" (ib. p. 1738).

(13) The Conference met in April, 1917. The Seventh Resolution of the Imperial War Conference resolved to place India's representation on equality with that of the self-governing Dominions (set out in 4WM p. 1763) .... This resolution was important, not merely because it opened the door for the future appearance of India alongside the dominions at Imperial Conferences but because it marks the first imperial recognition of the altered status of India. It was one of the preliminary stages of the reforms on Indian administration which started that great country on the pathway towards self-government within the British Commonwealth" (ib).

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(14) On the 16th April, 1917 the Conference formally passed a resolution granting full sovereign rights to India in the following terms:—

"The Imperial War Conference are of the opinion that the readjustment of the constitutional relations of the component parts of the Empire is too important and intricate a subject to be dealt with during the war and that it should form the subject of a special Imperial Conference to be summoned as soon as possible after the cessation of hostilities.

"They deem it their duty, however, to place on record their view that any such re-adjustment, while thoroughly preserving all existing powers of self-government and complete control of domestic affairs, should be based upon a full recognition of the dominions and autonomous nations of an Imperial Commonwealth, and of India as an important portion of the same, should recognise the right of the dominions and India to an adequate voice in foreign policy and foreign relations, and should provide effective arrangements for continuous consultation in all important matters of common Imperial concern, and for such necessary concerted action, founded on consultation, as the several Governments may determine."

(15) The terms of this resolution were decided "by the British Government with the unanimous consent of all parties in Parliament....." (2PT p. 754).

(16) And its effect is thus stated: "Without the effective help of the Indian contingent we could not have held the Germans in France and at the same time beaten the Turkish army" (2PT p. 754).

(17) Giving his evidence before the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the 24th October, 1933 Mr. Winston Churchill had to admit that India's representation in the International Conferences was unreal as its representatives were appointed by the Indian Secretary and acted under his directions. (IIC JPC's Evidence p. 1828).

(18) He further admitted that the British pledge had to be made and should be made good for which he promised his co-operation (Ib.).

(19) As Burma was part of India till 1936 the pledge extends alike to Burma.

The Atlantic Charter III.

(20) In the face of the previous pledge, general and specifically relating to India, that embodied in the Atlantic Charter seems a mere redundancy, though in his statement of the 9th September, 1941, Mr. Winston Churchill seems to have jettisoned it so far as India is concerned in that he makes it subject to the discharge by India of obligations that India is said to have incurred by her long connection with England. Some of these obligations, i.e. the pay and pension of British servants are reasonable and have to be safeguarded, but there remain others not specified, and one naturally asks —are not these obligations mutual and who is to determine them?

(21) The fact is that India should no longer be treated as a subject for the display of dialectical skill, since it rather calls for the display of sober statesmanship, and may the British Cabinet follow the example of the Prime Minister who had won the last war, in making good a pledge so authoritatively and so publicly given.

Iqbal Not A Communalist

"Iqbal was not a communalist" was the theme of a speech delivered by Mr. M. M. K. Shihab in the Anjuman Islam Hall on the Iqbal Day. The speaker said Iqbal was very often misunderstood and branded as a communalist. The mistake was due either to an insufficient reading of Iqbal or to the readers' inability to appreciate the real significance of the various terms used by Iqbal in his works. Iqbal made a very frequent use of certain terms in his poems and in order to understand the poet correctly one must stick to the meaning he gave to those terms.

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Those who accuse Iqbal of communalism allege that he always supported his community whether in the right or wrong. A careful study of his works would, however, show that there is no basis for that allegation. On the contrary the same study would reveal that Iqbal, instead of being a supporter of communalism, was its implacable opponent. He was opposed to the division of humanity in narrow sectarian groups and geographical boundaries. He wanted humanity to be free from the prejudices of race, colour and creed. He did not accept the supremacy of a Church or State. To him all human beings were equal no matter to what race, religion or country they belonged. As members of the same human family their rights were equal.

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If Iqbal gave preference to any man or a group of men it was not because of that man or that group of men belonging to any particular race or religion. Such preference could be only on account of that person or group of persons adhering to the principles of honesty, justice, love of humanity and a sense of service. Whatever distinction there was between the ruler and the ruled it must be merely to bring about harmony in society and facilitate orderly progress of the human race. It could never mean two different codes of conduct one for the ruler and the other for the ruled. In the eyes of law both must be equal. Iqbal uses the term "Islam" for signifying all these things, since, according to him, Islam could be interpreted only that way. The "Muslim", to whom Iqbal frequently refers in his works must conform to that great ideal and be the embodiment of all virtues. Any thing else passing in the name of Islam cannot be what Iqbal means by Islam, nor can a person not conforming to the highest ideals of justice, equality and fairplay and not imbued with genuine love for humanity as a whole and ready to serve could be a "Muslim" of Iqbal's conception.

"Indians In S. Africa"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—With reference to your note on "Indian in South Africa" given in your esteemed paper to-day, I should like to record my impression regarding the colour bar and the humiliating position of Indians in South Africa as I was in South Africa very recently for a few days while on voyage from England.

As soon as you get down from the ship you can easily come across with many humiliating phenomena which show that Indians and so-called Natives of South Africa have no honourable and independent existence at all. Go to the streets you will notice every now and again the sign boards painted with letters. "Strictly for Europeans", "non-Europeans not allowed", "for Indians only," or "Natives". This is not only the case with restaurants "pubs" or milkbars but also with big hotels, picture-houses, dancing halls, waiting rooms in railway stations and such other public places.

Indians in general are doing their best to establish their existence and to acquire some rights by the help of High Commissioner for India in South Africa though some Indians there doubt very much about the real constructive help from the High Commissioner. This view has been vividly expressed by "Indian Opinion" (founded by Mahatma Gandhi and edited by Mr. Manilal M. Gandhi at Phoenix, S.A.) when Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the distinguished historian and politician arrived in Johannesburg on November 24, 1941 to assume duty.

In regard to the social and educational problems reforms are very much needed in the Indian community in S. A. Luckily there is no fighting spirit among the Hindus and Muslims towards each other in the Union. Both Hindus and Muslims have been presenting a united front in every possible way to acquire more and more rights for the Indian Community as a whole.

Thus, if we look to the centimental back ground of the Whites in South Africa we need not doubt that it will take some time to do away with the colour bar even though India would stand as a free nation or is given the Dominion Status though the Government in South Africa would scarcely venture to continue the present Anti-Indian legislature "which claims to be British but which is yet unable to control its ugly anti-Indian rancour even at a time when Indian soldiers in their thousands are bleeding white in defence of Britain and "British ideals" as said in the editorial of "Indian View" (Edited by Mr. Ameer at Durban) on 15. December 1941.

And, therefore so long as the attitude of the Government of South Africa is not changed we Indians in India and South Africa will have to struggle continuously for the honourable status of Indians in South Africa.—Yours, etc.

INDIAN.

Water Famine At Matunga

To the Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—Owing to faulty distribution and constant choke in the Municipal pipes residents of Matunga are subjected to grave water hardship. The Hydraulic Engineer instead of regularly causing the clearing of the shells and cowries which choke up the Municipal pipes and which is the main cause of low pressure and short supply, causes notices to be served on landlords to provide extra connections and electric pumps in times of war control and high prohibitive cost of water pipes and pumps.

Why should not the Water Department first remove inherent defects in their main pipes and relieve the tenants immediately of grave shortage of water supply? It is the least the Department owes to the tax and rate payers.—Yours, etc.

ONE AGGRIEVED

Civil Defence

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Evacuation from cities prone to enemy action is in some respects an undoubted sign of weakness, lack of understanding and panic, but all this is due to no small extent, to our unpreparedness to meet the impending danger.

I am afraid even the small work of distributing the sand bags in Bombay and suburbs has not been still completed. A fleet of sufficient number of transport lorries requisitioned for this purpose can certainly do the job in no time.

The Government can compel the landlords to prepare the most suitable portion of their buildings as an air raid shelter sufficient to accommodate the residents of that building. The P.V.B. can help by persuading the public to take all possible preventive and curative measures against air raid by not only giving them concrete suggestions but also helping them in putting those in execution.

The above mentioned are only the more important items of work before us. Let us speed up.—Yours etc.

G. V. KOTHARI.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

WASHINGTON, April 10.

Marshal Petain has presented President Roosevelt with a book of his speeches. M. Henry Haye, the Vichy Ambassador to the United States, handed the book to President Roosevelt on Thursday.

The book contains the Marshal's speeches since June, 1940. This the Ambassador thought might "enlighten the President on the general principles which Marshal Petain is following."

—Reuter.

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Criticising Lord Halifax' attack on the Congress and his homily to India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru suggests that the noble Lord lives in a complacent world of his own.

But one thing must be said in extenuation of Lord Halifax. He has always lived in that world and once brought his own country to the verge of ruin.

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Mr. Fazlul Haq is reported to have arrived at New Delhi.

No further details regarding his visit are given, but we should resist the temptation of speculating on whether it is to meet Cripps, Wavell or—Jinnah.

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Mandalay is reported by the A. P. to have been "bombed mercilessly" on Thursday morning.

Does Sir Richard Peirse know?

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All sorts of speculations are being indulged in in London as a result of General Marshal's "unexpected" visit.

We, too, roamed speculatively over a wide range, ultimately coming to rest from where we had started.

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The possibility of an Allied offensive in Western Europe cannot be ruled out, says a London message.

Can it be ruled in?

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Senator Connolly, Chairman of the U.S.A. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has declared that "Bataan will be avenged."

We, too, are quite certain of that.

But will it be in December, 1943 or April, 1944?

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In recent days, British submarines operating in the Mediterranean have sunk an Italian heavy cruiser, two merchantships and two schooners.

It would, however, be unfair of them to expect a complimentary response on land.

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Apropos of Franco-German relations, Wilhelmstrasse's position is reported to be that "Vichy is at the cross roads and must decide its attitude towards the New Order immediately.

In other words Vichy must immediately take the Swastika cross road.

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"Mummy do give me another piece of sugar".

"But you've had three already."

"Just one more mummy."

"Well, this must be the last."

"Thank you, mummy—but I must say you've got no willpower."

Red Army Smashes Its Way

German Troop Train Wrecked

Soviet Guerillas In Action: Railway Bridge Blown Up

LONDON, April 10.

Soviet troops made a further advance on the Central (Smolensk) Front in the last 24 hours, occupying a number of enemy strong points, states the Moscow Radio.

Furious counter-attacks by the Germans have been repelled with heavy losses.—Reuter.

NAZI INFANTRY REGIMENT ROUTED

MOSCOW, April 10.

Red Army troops have smashed an enemy centre of resistance on the Western Front.

According to a front-line dispatch, particularly fierce fighting took place in and at the proaches of ne village which occupied the central place in the enemies defence and which covered them from the rear. Having suffered heavy losses, the Germans began a hasty retreat but Russian units cut the road of their retreat everywhere. The 519th German infantry regiment was routed with the loss of 1,500 officers and men and large booty.—Reuter.

SUCCESS ON KALININ FRONT

MOSCOW April 10.

The capture of a German heavily fortified point in one of the Kalinin Front sectors and the repulse of German counter-attacks at several points of the Eastern Front with heavy losses are reported in a supplement of the Soviet midday communique.

The capture of the fortified point followed street fighting in a village where the Germans lost 850 killed and wounded.

Stubborn fighting followed attempted counter-attacks in another sector, the Germans being repulsed and forced back on the defensive with 4,500 losses. Taganrog which is still in German hands is fighting back by means of guerilla tactics says the supplement.

At a concert for Germans, the lights were suddenly extinguished and fire opened on the audience. When peasant women were shot for breaking the windows of German Headquarters in a neighbouring village the peasants stormed the building. A German counter-attack, in an attempt to regain a lost position in one of the southern front sectors, broke down under withering artillery and machinegun fire. The Germans retreated leaving hundreds dead on the battle field. A successful night raid on an enemy aerodrome by a Soviet Air Squadron in which 10 enemy planes were destroyed and 11 damaged is also reported in the supplement. In train-wrecking ex-pilots behing the German lines on the Central Front, Soviet guerilla detachment laid mines on the railway track wrecking a Germar troop train. 150 Germans were killed and injured. Later the guerillas blew up a railway bridge, wrecking a train loaded with ammunition. —Reuter.

"GERMANY WILL BE BEATEN THIS YEAR"

KUIBYSHEV, April 10.

Chief of the Soviet Information Bureau, M. Lozovsky predicted that Germany would be defeated this year.

Answering questions at a Press Conference here today, M. Lozovsky said: "All available indications point to the fact that our front will liquidate the Germans in 1942."

Asked whether he suggested that the Russians would be fighting on German soil this year, he answered "it is difficult to say where great battles will take place, but one thing is certain, Hitlerite Germany and the German army will be beaten in 1942."—Reuter.

Russian Forces Occupy 40 Fortified Dug-outs

MOSCOW, April 10.

The Soviet midnight communique says, "On April 9 nothing of importance took place at the front. According to verified data on April 7 not 51 German aircraft were destroyed, as was previously announced, but 63.

On April 8, 25 German aircraft were shot down in air combats and destroyed on ground. Our losses were six aircraft."

German divisions are once more retreating on the Kalinin front after the failure of their counter-offensive in this sector. The Nazi counter-offensive which finally petered out this week after many days of the most strenuous fighting, was on a bigger scale than an ordinary local counter-blow.

Two divisions supported by a large number of tanks and with aircraft co-operation made a sudden assault in a bid to get an initiative firmly in their hands.

The Soviet units involved, however, dug their toes in and by stubborn fighting broke the back of the German offensive by April fifth. The German High Command realised that the counter-offensive had failed and Nazi forces passed into retreat

Soviet forces on the Moscow front occupied 40 fortified dug-outs, according to a supplement to the midnight communique. On one sector of the Kalinin front 900 Germans were killed.

The Soviet airforce continues to score many successes. The supplement says that one flight in two days shot down four German planes and destroyed 17 on ground. Another flight shot down five in air combat and destroyed 14 on ground.—Reuter

COMMUNAL UNITY IN WAKE OF POLITICAL UNITY

Hasrat Mohani's Plea For Federal Republic Of United States Of India

CAWNPORE, April 10.

"Hindu-Muslim Unity will follow the political unity between the two communities," said Maulana Hasrat Mohani, at a public meeting held under the auspices of the City Congress Committee last evening in connection with the National Week, Pandit Ganga Sahai S. Chaubey presiding.

Maulana added that under present political conditions, neither the Congress nor the Muslim League should accept the British proposals which do not satisfy the demands of either and because India is not being granted complete freedom which was the real goal of both the major organisations of the country.

The speaker held that at a time when the Muslims demanded Pakistan and the Congress insisted on maintaining unity and integrity of India, the only way which could satisfy the demand of all political parties was to establish the federal republic of the United States of India. According to the scheme of the Maulana, India would be divided into five regions, each of which will form a federal state or a federal unit. There will be Confederal Centre consisting of equal representatives from all units. The Confederal Centre will deal with those subjects only which will be assigned to it and, will have a right to declare war or make peace with any country. The President of the Confederation will be elected from whole of the country.

The Maulana pleaded for joint electorate under this constitution on the basis of adult franchise and added that it should be provided in the constitution that any vote demanded on communal basis should be declared 'null and void'.—A. P.

INDIAN STUDENTS PLUMP FOR AIR FORCE

LONDON, April 10.

When an appeal for 350 recruits for the Indian Air-Force was made 18,000 students applied for enrolment, Dewan Bahadur Runganadnan, formerly Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University and now Adviser to the Secretary of State for India, told the Royal Society of Arts in London to-day, "Doubts had been expressed whether Indian boys are industrially minded at all," he said. "The great war effort of India at present has shown that these doubts are groundless. In view of the phenomenal expansion which Indian industries are undergoing now, technical education has been organised on a wide scale and successful arrangements have been made for the training of 40,000 mechanics and technicians. Students are of course all animated by a spirit of nationalism but the vast majority have no sympathy with the separatist policies of extreme communal leaders".—Reuter.

HONG KONG COMMODORE'S SON MISSING

LONDON, April 10.

Richard E. Collinson is today reported missing in the recent raid on Nazaire. He is the only son of Capt. A. C. Collinson, Commodore of Hong Kong, who has been missing since Christmas Day.—Reuter.

JAP ACTION IN BAY OF BENGAL

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course was followed by him, it is stated, because he felt he could not survive with his leg blown off and it was no use trying to save his own life.

The total number of survivors is about four to five hundred, including about 80 injured. The majority of the survivors are Europeans and Americans.

Villagers' Hospitality

The hospitality of the local people in the villages on the coast, who offered to the survivors "chapatis", tea and light smoke from the little they had, provided so much relief to the survivors that it had far more than its intrinsic value of these necessities of life. This hospitality had impressed upon the survivors the Indian philosophy of high thinking inspite of low living.

When the Associated Press correspondent revealed his identity to an officer of one of the ships, the latter did not allow him to leave until he promised that he would certainly make mention of the survivors' praise for the help rendered by the local Government officials and the general public, specially their hospitality. The survivors though they looked haggard due to the continuous strain, were not without cheer as they took keen interest in the town of Cuttack going about it, some barefooted and almost all with just a bit of clothing.

Leaving alone the officials, who worked day and night, and it is hard to pick out any by name for they are many, there was equal response from the public who contributed in very many ways by allowing their cars and other vehicles and giving clothings for the survivors and the College students who vacated their hostel at a very short notice for the sake of the survivors.

FIRST AID WORK

The Manager of the Harishpur Raj rendered useful assistance to the Inspector-General of Police in the rescue work and two students of the Medical School (Adhiram Misra and P. Sitarama Rao) carried out first aid work at the beach all through the night of seventh

The hospital staff under the direction of Major Hicks rose to the occasion splendidly and all through the night operations of the wounds of the injured were carried out with the result that only three died in the hospital, although the wounds were not attended to for over 36 hours in the coastal circumstances.—A. P.

"SHELLED WITHOUT WARNING"

CALCUTTA, April 10.

"Before we had any opportunity to prepare for defence, we were shelled," said a survivor of one of the ships sunk by the enemy when met by an 'Associated Press' representative at Howrah Station this evening.

He said that early in the morning he discerned some specks on the horizon: which proceeded towards them with great speed and in the course of the next few minutes there was no doubt that the specks were enemy vessels, an aircraft carrier escorted by cruisers. They started shelling the vessel without warning. The first effect of the enemy shelling was that the wireless apparatus of the vessel was put out of order. All the men, perhaps with a few exception, were on the deck and the first life boat that was being lowered with the life boat radio apparatus (transmitter) was hit with a shell and was blown to pieces. About this time the vessel was sinking and attempts were made to lower other life boats. Only two could be lowered while other two got loose when the vessel sank and the crew got inside the boats. Those who failed to get into the boats clung on to the rafts.

This vessel was with a convoy of other ships, but near the scene of the disaster left the convoy to pick up survivors of another vessel which was lost owing to enemy action.

After his vessel was sunk, the cruiser which had shelled the ship came up near the spot and circled round it and then steaming off to a distance waited for some time. Meanwhile, the enemy crew in full uniform lined up on the deck of the air craft carrier and then paseed the survivors slowly and disappeared.

Concluding he made a special mention of the cruelty on the part of the enemy, who had machine-gunned the survivors of the ship.

About 200 survivors of the ships sunk—Indians AngloIndians, Chinese and Europeans—arrived here by the Down Madras Mail today.—A. P.

INDIAN SEAMEN'S CLUB IN LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL, April 10.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary for India, the Duke of Devonshire, opening the Indian Seamen's Club at Liverpool on Friday said: "The war is coming very close to India. I suppose it will come still closer and we shall have to face even darker days before the tide turns."

India with over a million men under arms was recruiting about 50,000 monthly and the intake was limited only by lack of equipment and instructors.

In a tribute to Indian seamen, the Duke said they comprised more than a quarter of the British Mercantile Marine. Almost the first casualties of the war were Indians.

The Queen provided furniture in the club lounge.—Reuter.

Nazi Challenge To Riom Trial

Von Rath Murder Trial To Prove France's War Guilt

BERNE, April 10.

The Germans are preparing the re-trial of the young Polish Jew, Grynzspan, who assassinated the Counsellor at the German Embassy in Paris, von Rath in November, 1938, states the Berlin correspondent of the 'Gazette de Lausanne."

The purpose of the trial will be to 'provide revelations of Franco-German pre-war relations in order to prove France's war guilt which the Riom Trial has failed to do.'

Last news of Grynzspan was in October, 1940, when Vichy reported he was being sent to Berlin for trial.—Reuter.

CRIPPS MISSION FAILS

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and of the glorious heritage she has handed down to us."—A. P.

CONGRESS REPLY TO CRIPPS
Jawahar Confers With Johnson

NEW DELHI, April 10.

The Congress Working Committee held a two-hour meeting this morning. Maulana Azad stated to press correspondents that the Working Committee's reply to the new formula was expected to be sent to Sir Stafford Cripps this evening.

It is learnt that Pandit Nehru after his last evening's meeting with Sir Stafford Cripps had a conference with Col. Johnson.

Col. Johnson met Sir Stafford Cripps this morning for about 20 minutes.

The Muslim League Working Committee's reply is expected to be sent to Sir Stafford Cripps in the course of the day.

The Congress Working Committee will meet again at 2-30 this afternoon.

ROOSEVELT DECLINES TO COMMENT

WASHINGTON, April 10.

President Roosevelt at a press conference to-day declined to comment on the situation in India, saying he had received no report from Col. Johnson since early yesterday morning which was along the lines of reports published in the press.—Reuter.

STRUGGLE OF REASON AGAINST FORCE
Greatest Battle Of War Taking Place In India

NEW YORK, April 10.

"Within India the greatest battle of this war is taking place. It involves the future of Asia since, if India joins with China in the fighting, the conquests of Japan in Malaya and Indonesia will be as transient and futile as Hitler's conquests in Europe," says the "New York Times" editorially on Friday.

"The indications are, today, that we—meaning, the Indian peoples, the British and ourselves—have won this war within the war. This great victory has been won not merely against the Axis, but in the historic struggle of reason against force."—Reuter.

LUMLEY-SAVARKAR INTERVIEW

NEW DELHI, April 10.

Dr. Moonje has issued the following statement:—"I hereby contradict the news that has been published in connection with the interview which Mr. Savarkar, President, Hindu Mahasabha, had with H. E. the Governor of Bombay yesterday.

"What Mr. Savarkar has said in the interview was to the effect that the Hindu Mahasabha has fundamental objections to those parts of the proposals which provide for bringing into being more than one Indian Union and cannot accept them. These objections still hold.

"As for the establishment of National Government, the Hindu Mahasabha will have no objection to pull its weight if the composition of the National Government is so made as to provide for seats to the Hindus on the basis of their proportion in the general population of the country".—A. P.

Hindu Sabha Cabinet Summoned

BOMBAY, April 10.

An emergent meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha has been convened by Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President, at New Delhi on April 14.

It is understood the meeting will in particular consider the Cripps proposal afresh in the light of the talks Mr. Savarkar had with the Governor of Bombay yesterday, and the present political situation in general.

Mr. Savarkar will leave for Delhi on Sunday next.—United Press.

Dr. Pattabhi Leaving Today

NEW DELHI, April 10.

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya is leaving for Bezwada by the Grand Trunk Express to-morrow evening.—A. P.

BATTLE OF BATAAN ENDS

Japanese Cruiser Sunk While Landing Troops In Philippines

WASHINGTON, April 10.

A Japanese cruiser was sunk while the enemy was landing troops at Cebu in the Philippines, according to a War Department 'communique.'

Communication with Corregidor and Bataan has been cut off for nearly 24 hours and it is apparent that the fighting in Bataan has ceased.

Corregidor Holds Out

The War Department 'communique' states:—

"PHILIPPINE THEATRE: General Wainwright reported this morning that all communication between Corregidor and Bataan was cut off for nearly 24 hours. However, it is apparent that fighting on the Peninsula has ceased.

The General sent a message to the President in which he expressed appreciation of the confidence placed in him by his Commander-in-Chief. He said that everything possible had been done to hold Bataan with the limited number of combat soldiers at his command. The overwhelming air and artillery superiority of the Japanese finally overcame the dogged resistance of the hungry and exhausted defenders.

General Wainwright declared: "Our Flag still flies over the beleagured island fortress of Corregidor."

Corregidor was raided frequently throughout April 9 by heavy Japanese bombers, enemy batteries on Bataan and the south shore of Manila Bay repeatedly shelled our island fortress. No material damage resulted. Our guns did not return the fire of the enemy artillery on Bataan because the exact position of our troops in that area was not known and it was desired to avoid the chance of subjecting them to our own fire.

The enemy is apparently landing troops on Cebu. Fleet of five warships and ten transports is off that island. Our torpedo boats attacked enemy vessels sinking a Japanese cruiser.

Nothing to report from other areas."—Reuter.

MacArthur's Tribute To Bataan Heroes

MELBOURNE, April 10.

"The Bataan force went out as it would have wished, fighting to the end in its flickering forlorn hope", Gen. MacArthur said today.

"No army has ever done so much with so little and nothing became it more than its last hour of trial and agony.—Reuter.

FOOD SHORTAGE CAUSE OF REVERSES IN PHILIPPINES?

The United States Headquarters are not making an official Bataan statement. It is known that General MacArthur is receiving daily communications from General Wainwright but it is believed he is loath to make a statement for fear of jeopardising General Wainwright's ability to continue battle to the end against the enormous Japanese forces.

Other observers think that the key to the situation is supplies. It is believed that no food supplies have reached the American forces since January.

The troops are probably on starvation rations and physically unable to counter-attack.

General Wainwright will probably withdraw with his men to Corregidor.

United States and Australian army circles see in the ending of the Philippines campaign a threat to Australia and India.—Reuter.

American Warning To Japs About Defenders Of Bataan

Death or capture by Japanese troops numbering between 200 thousand to 300 thousand on Luzon Island await the defenders of Bataan, who so long and savagely battled unending waves of invaders. What their fate will be in the hands of a barbaric foe is as yet unknown but the 'Times Herald' reflects the depth of American feeling when it warns the Japanese against any repetition of the Hong Kong atrocities by a reminder that there are some 200,000 Japanese nationals in the United States.

HOPE OF ESCAPE

How many defenders can be refused from Bataan and brought to temporary safety in Corregidor is unknown. With complete air superiority the Japanese may be able to prevent the evacuation of any sizable number across the three-mile stretch that separates the beaches of Corregidor from Bataan.

FUTURE OF WAINWRIGHT

There is no confirmation here of the German News Agency report that Gen. Walnwright has asked the Japanese for truce. There is speculation, however, that the Japanese price for surrender—if Gen. Walnwright surrenders—would include the capitulation of Corregidor and other forts barring Japanese access to Manila Bay. Whether fight should go on from Corregidor is now the problem for strategists, says the 'Washington Post.'

ENEMY TANKS SWEEPING THROUGH DESERT

BRITISH ARTILLERY BREAKS UP PANZER CONCENTRATIONS

R. A. F. Gives Terrific Drubbing To Luftwaffe

(From Our Correspondent)

WESTERN Desert, April 9.

General Rommel's forces made the first skirmish with our troops since early February, possibly optning on a fore large scale operations with his Africa Corps within a short time.

Nazi panzer groups move along our outposts, in the direction of north to south between Mechili and south Gazal while others string out towards the coast.

Rommel's tactics are not yet clear, perhaps he aims at probing at our minefields, preparatory to a sudden blow elsewhere—Balkans, for example.

In the glaring sunshine Enemy tanks supported by subsidiary armoured columns of some strength, swept the desert trails spouting columns of dust.

Air reconnaissance had spied these suspicious enemy moves for the last three days.

Rommel's skirmish was preceded by unusually heavy bombing of British aerodromes by night seeking the R.A.F. grounds.

The R.A.F. this morning hit them back with a strong force of bombers protected by Kittyhawks and gave the Nazi air base at Derna a terrifis drubbing. While the Luftwaffe is active mainly in the night the R.A.F busy both day and night.

British artillery is playing a big part in the operations of the forces, several panzer concentrations being broken up.

The main forces on both the sides are moving upto battle position ready for the zero hour.

If Rommel plans he will find that it is costly proposition to take the initiative against the Eight Army which is eager to come to grips with the enemy.

Desert conditions at present are most favourable for a push as the rainy spell is over and the sun burns daily but yet not too hot.

CONSTRUCTION OF FORWARD OUTPOSTS

LONDON, April 9.

Reuter's special correspondent writes:

CAIRO: There appears to be no special significance in the enemy activity on the southern flank. It is consistent with the view expressed yesterday that the enemy's probable object is to try and establish some forward outpost positions under cover of a number of columns. The shape of the No Man's Land with the British line running north and south and Axis positions from southwest to northeast, supports this theory.

Two lines are closer north than south and since the enemy advanced north, it is logical that he should advance south pivoting on his left flank. He is working on construction of forward outposts, but it is still uncertain if he can establish them.—Reuter.

AXIS TANKS TAKE FIELD AGAIN

Two Enemy Columns Engaged In Libya

CAIRO, April 10.

The Middle East Communique states: "One of our columns of all arms engaged an enemy column yesterday. The enemy column included twenty tanks some of which were hit by our fire. Our casualties were slight.

Another enemy column, including tanks, was engaged northeast of Tengeder and some enemy vehicles were set on fire. Enemy activity during the day was more pronounced on the southern flank than hitherto. Enemy forward troops have not attempted to approach nearer our positions in the last two days".—Reuter.

R. A. A. F. Starts Air Offensive

MELBOURNE, April 10.

"We have taken the offensive against the Japanese in the air and we will continue to increase it" declared General Brett commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Anzac interviewed to-day. "Our only limitation is equipment."

R.A.A.F. GETS MORE PLANES

"The goal of the unified command is to smash Japan in the air" said Maj. Gen. George Brett "The Allied Airforce is organising and carrying the fight into the enemy's camp. Planes and equipment are flowing here at an ever-increasing rate. Machines already in hand are laying first class foundation for the air war against the Japanese and simultaneously doing their best to hold the Japanese where they are north of Australia. I believe that the results already achieved by Allied airmen in the north are very satisfactory considering that our air force is only in the formative stage. The Royal Australian Air Force was short of planes.

I gave them 75. Nobody knows how many planes we will have here before the end of this war but we have taken the number of planes we think we shall get and multiplied it fourfold."

The War Cabinet has decided to build another Aluminium Fabrication Factory estimated to cost three-quarters million sterling to meet the growing demand of the aircraft and munition industries.

NINE JAP PLANES DESTROYED

A Communique giving details of the raid on Rabaul on April 9 states that eight Japanese bombers and one fighter were destroyed. Other aircraft were damaged by an allied force comprising mainly of American crews.—Reuter.

Drakeford Reviews Air Situation

In reviewing the air situation the Air Minister Mr. Drakeford said it could be deduced that reinforcements of Japanese aircraft have been arriving steadily and there is evidence that these supplies still forthcoming. The turning point was not yet near though the striking power of the R.A.A.F. and Allied successes had brought it considerably closer.

Two Jap Planes Shot Down

PORT MORESBY, April 10.

A raid by seven heavy Japanese bombers escorted by fighters was made on Friday. Royal Australian Air Force fighters destroyed at least one bomber and one fighter without sustaining damage or casualties. Japanese losses in six days in New Guinea area have been forty aircraft.—Reuter.

AIR ALERT IN WASHINGTON

(From Our Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 10.

The capital had an air raid alert lasting 36 minutes.

No explanation has been offered.

86 Jap Planes Destroyed In A Month

Mr. Drakeford said that there was no considerable decrease in Japanese air effort in North Australia and there was nothing to show a shrinkage of the enemy air power.

The turning point has not yet been reached.

Sixty-six enemy aircraft were desctroyed, 20 probably destroyed and 40 damage during the month ended April 8.

Jap Wharves, Jetties And Ships Get It Hot

A "Communique" states: "Aircraft were destroyed, buildings were set on fire and enemy personnel were strafed at Rabaul on April 9 by a force of bombers manned chiefly by American crews. The attack was made in two flights. The first was directed on wharves, jetties and ships. Heavy bombs were dropped from medium height, recording a near miss on a transport and possible hits on building. Heavy-calibre anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Six Japanese planes made two attacks on the bombers. One enemy fighter was seen emitting heavy smoke and another was damaged.

Eight Jap Planes Destroyed

A flight of bombers attacked Vuna Kansu. Almost every bomb fell in the target area. Direct hits were made on bombers and fighter. Probably eight heavy bombers and one fighter were destroyed, other aircraft damaged, buildings set on fire and personnel strafed by our tail-gunners. Four large fires were observed. From this operation our aircraft returned safely.

It is now known that in the Japanese raid on Darwin on April 2 another enemy bomber was shot down. Enemy losses in this raid were six certainly shot down and one other possibly damaged".

Japs Raid Moresby

The Australian "communique" says seven Japanese bombers, escorted by fighters, raided Port Moresby for 20 minutes this morning. No damage or casualties has yet been reported. Imperial fighters intercepted the raiders and it is possible that at least one bomber has been brought down.—Reuter

Subject Matter Within Provincial Legislative List

Federal Court Holds Punjab Restitution Of Mortgaged Lands Act 'Intra Vires' Of Legislature

NEW DELHI, April 10.

The Federal Court to-day held that the Punjab Restitution of Mortgaged Lands Act, 1938, was "intra vires" of the Punjab Legislature.

The validity of the act was questioned in two appeals from the decision of the Punjab High Court, which came up for decision.

Sir Srinivas Varadachariar, Judge announcing judgment, stated that it had not been shown that there was anything in the provisions of the Act which was discriminatory in its nature. He held that under its provisions, agriculturist mortgagees, though they might be fewer in number, were as much liable to be dispossessed as non-agriculturist mortgagees.

The Act did not take away any rights which a mortgagee might have in the land under the Contract Act and no particular provision of the Act could be said to be repugnant to the Contract Act. Further it did not contain any provision which conflicted with the Indian Limitation Act. The impugned act of the Punjab Legislature purported to make certain special provisions in respect of mortgages effected before June 8, 1901, and dealing with such of them as subsisted it sought to set aside the normal procedure for redemption and authorised the mortgagor to apply to the Collector for possession of the mortgaged land. The Judge held that the Act did not prohibit persons of a particular descent (communities classed as non-agricultural) from holding property. Further, the subject matter of the Act was wholly within the provincial legislative list and the act did not cover to any extent matters enumerated in the concurrent legislative list.

Sir Srinivas cited a provision from the Australian Constitution Act which is similar to Sec. 107 of the Indian Constitution Act dealing with repugnancy of Federal and Provincial Laws and observed that where the paramount legislation does not purport to be exhaustive but itself permits or recognises other laws restricting or qualifying the general provision made in it, it could not be said that any qualification or restriction introduced by another law was repugnant to the provision in the main or paramount law.—A. P.

JAILOR SUSPENDED
Sabarmati Prison Superintendent Transferred

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 10.

It is reported that Jailor of the Sabarmati Central Prison has been suspended and the Superintendent has been transferred in connection with a scuffle that took place some days back between Sindhi prisoners.

Three Congressmen Get Two Years Each

LUCKNOW, April 10.

Messrs. Madan Pandey, Brij Narayan Tiwari and Sarju Bhagat, Congressmen of the district, have been sentenced to two years' R. I. each by a local Magistrate.—A. P.

Vicereine's Advice To Lahore Women

LAHORE, April 10.

"If we stand together, strong in the faith that our cause is just, and that the aggressor must fail, then we shall come through our ordeal—if ordeal it has to be—purified and undaunted, prepared to take our part in the creation of a better world" said H.E. the Marchioness of Linlithgow, addressing a representative womens' rally at Government House.

India is now in the forefront of this devastating war and we may be called upon to face the trials and sufferings which have been inflicted on China and on Europe. We may require all the courage and fortitude that is in us, and I want the women of India, of whatever race or creed, to show of what stuff they are made."

Airgraphs which left India after 11th March, 1942, and upto 25th March 1942 have been delivered in the United Kingdom says a press note.

Single Factory Makes

TRAINLOAD OF TANKS A DAY

U. S. Planes Production Reaches 3,300 Per Month

SULPHUR SPRINGS (Texas), April 10.

The United States is now making more than 3,300 planes a month, according to a statement made by the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

The United States already has a worldwide fighting front and six times as many soldiers as she had with the American Expeditionary Force after ten months of the first world war, he said.

"We and our Allies can and will build two and a half times as many planes as all our enemies put together, he declared.

"Without divulging military secrets I can say that one factory alone is turning out each day an entire trainload of tanks."—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN WAR COST MOUNTS UP

CANBERRA, April 10.

War expenditure in Australia has passed the one million Australian pounds per day mark. The Treasury reports that in March 13,500,000 was spent from revenue and 20,250,000 from loans on war expenditure, representing an increase of eight-million over the February total.

For nine months ending March 31 a total of 207 million has been spent by the Commonwealth on the war.—Reuter.

NORWAY'S PRIMATE ARRESTED

LONDON, April 10.

The Primate of Norway, Bishop Eerggray of Oslo and three other clergy, Drs. Indreboe, Ingbald Carlsen, Wisloeff have been arrested by the Quisling authorities according to the Norwegian telegraph agency. The Bishops were taken to a concentration camp on the allegation that they were the authors of a message read in Norwegian Churches on Easter Sunday, announcing mass resignation of the Norwegian clergy.—Reuter.

SUCCESSFUL CITY 'BLACK-OUT' TEST

Bombay experienced a spell of inky darkness in the "black-out" areas of the city when the A. R. P. carried out a complete black-out test between sunset to 8-30 p.m. on Friday.

At the signs of the failing dusk men of the A. R. P. service, officers of the city police and police patrols took their places at various points in the specified localities. Wardens moved from house to house and street to street to ensure that the black-out was rigidly observed. The public offered their full co-operation and all lights in residential premises were screened as per regulation.

Shops and other establishments ceased their business in some cases and put out their lights.

Hair cutting saloons stopped work as they could not function in dimmed lighting and customers had to return disappointed.

Restaurants presented a deserted appearance as most people had gone home early.

The city police were supplemented by members of the Civic Guards Corps and squads from the Armed Force, without the arms of course. Police vans rushed from place to place and A. R. P. cars sauntered with the authorities making a detailed survey of the success of the test.

Press reporters who went about the black-out areas could see that the test was quite a success and the co-operation of the public was "admirable."

A subsidy is being granted by the Bombay Government to the Sisal Fibre Industries Workshop of the American Marathi Mission, Satara, to provide facilities for the training of apprentices in improved methods of extracting dyeing, spinning and weaving sisal fibre.

Group photograph taken at the installation of R. W. Bro. Phiroz Byramji Rana, Lodge Hamilton 584, S. C. Surat, for the year 1942-43. Dr. Phiroz (dentist) is a son of the late popular physician and surgeon of Navsari, Dr. Byramji D. Rana, L.M. & S., and is well-known as a social worker. He was elected President of the Malesar Behdin Anjuman of Navsari in 1941.

PVB

NATIONAL & P. V. B. WEEK

TO-DAY'S (SATURDAY) PROGRAMME.

8-30 p.m. (S. T.): Public Meetings: Dhanji Street, Tambakanta, President: Shri Mangaldas Pakvasa. Speakers: Smt. Lilavati K Munshi, Sjts. Motichand G. Kapadia G. N. Desai and G. P. Muthesingh.

At 8-30 p.m. (S. T.): Palan Sopal Chawl Compound, Dadar, Presidents: Sjt. B. G. Kher Speakers: Shri S. K. Patil, Dr. T. R. Naravane and Shri Kashi Prasad Singh.

At 5 p.m (S. T.): Priti Bhojan at the Congress House.

P. V. B. Self Protection Exhibition: To-day (Saturday) will remain open from 4 to 8 p.m. (S. T.).

To-day's Special Demonstration: A. R. P. Demonstration: 6-30 p.m. (S. T.): Stirrup Pump, 6-45 p.m. (S. T.): Sand bags and Rednil set.

IN "A" WARD.

April 11th Flag Day: Whole day selling of P. V. B. Flags. 7-15 p.m. Meeting at Cochin Street, Fort.

IN "G" WARD

5-30 p.m.—Public meeting at Ferguson Road, Parel, near Shri Ram Mill. Speakers: Sjts. D. B. Chitnis, N. T. Joshi, M. N. Baig and others.

IN "F" WARD.

At 5-30 p.m. (S. T.).—Public meeting at Sion Naka.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The Jt. Secretaries of the Relief Committee of the P. V. B. write that on account of the National and P. V. B. Week Celebrations there will be no meeting of the Relief Committee to-day (Saturday). The Executive Committee of the Relief Committee will however will meet at the Congress House to-day (Saturday), at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.).

IN "D"—5 CIRCLE

Under the auspices of the above Circle a meeting was held in the Hall of the Karsandas Bhatia Buildings at Prarthana Samaj on the 9th instant, at 9-0 p.m. when Mr. Batuk Mehta of the Bombay City Ambulance Corp explained the precautions to be taken and the apparatus to be used when bombs fall in populated areas. Miss Usha Mehta explained the utility of the P. V. B. and appealed the public to join it in large numbers. A meeting will be held under the auspices of the above Circle to-day (Saturday), at Kapol Nivas (Sandhurst Road), at 8-30 p.m. (S. T.), when Mr. Nagindas T. Master will explain the activities and programme of the P. V. B.

IN "B" WARD.
CYCLE PROCESSION AND FLAG SALUTATION TO-MORROW.

Under the auspices of the Mandvi District Congress Committee a Cycle Procession will be taken out to-morrow (Sunday). It will go round the localities of the Ward, starting from the office of the "B" Ward at 7-0 a.m. and will meet at Umarkhadi near Bharat Seva Mandal where Sjt. Devji Rattansey, D. O. "B" Ward P. V. B., will unfurl the flag at 8-0 a.m.

"Flag Day" To-day

The General Secretary of the P. V. B. announces:

As a special feature of the P. V. B. Week celebration, to-day (Saturday) is being organised as the Flag Day. Small button flags made of paper displaying the special badge of the P. V. B. will be sold in thousands in every part of the City for a nominal price. Collections will be made by P. V. B. Volunteers in boxes. The Flag Day will give an opportunity to every citizen of Bombay to express his solidarity with the great activity of self-defence which the P. V. B. has undertaken. Citizens are requested to buy the flag and wear them and thus carry the message of self-help symbolized in this Flag.

SUNDAY'S MEETING CANCELLED.

The Public meeting announced to take place at Kamgar Maidan, at 6 p.m. (S. T.), on Sunday, the 12th April is hereby cancelled, as the P. V. B. volunteers and others from Northern part of Bombay will be participating in the P. V. B. Procession organised on that afternoon.

Call To Join P. V. B.

Under the auspices of the P. V. B. and National Week celebration, a meeting was held at Colaba on Friday evening when Mr. F. M. Pinto, presided.

In the course of his speech, the president explained that they were getting response to the call for workers in various categories of P. V. B. like the First Aid workers and the rescue parties, etc. P. V. B. workers were undergoing training. Bombay had to organise, not only a Wardens' service, but Wardens posts, First Aid posts and depots for First Aid parties. He exhorted the audience to join in numbers without further delay.

Messrs. R. A. Khedgikar, M. B. Vora and others also spoke.

MEETING AT B.I.T. CHAWL: Under the auspices of the Girgaum District Congress Committee and P.V.B. a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday), at 9 p.m. at B.I.T. Chawls Compound, Belasis Road to explain the importance of the National Week and P.V.B. Sjt. S. K. Patil will preside. Sjt. Ashok Mehta, Sjt. P. K. Sawant, Sjt. S. V. Savani and Sjt. V. M. Kande will speak.

MOTOR VEHICLES ACT AMENDED

The Bombay Motor Vehicles Act, 1935, has been amended to enable the Government to levy tolls on bridges reconstructed after the commencement of the Act.

The Government has purchased from the B.B. and C. I. Railway the Narbudda Railway Bridge which it proposes to convert into a road bridge. The conversion is expected to involve very considerable expenditure and it is therefore proposed to levy tolls on this bridge.

Section 61 of the Act provides for the levy of tolls on bridges constructed after the commencement of the Act. As the question whether the bridge can be held to be a bridge constructed after the commencement of the Act is not entirely free from doubt, it has been decided to amend Section 14 to enable the Government to levy tolls on reconstructed bridges also.

P. V. B. In Matunga

The activities of the P. V. B. in Matunga are in their full swing. Since the inception of the P. V. B. in the circle of Matunga alone, more than 250 trained volunteers have so far been enrolled from different communities. So far, two A. R. P. classes and two First Aid classes were started, out of which the training in the A. R. P. and one of the First Aid classes are completed. The examination for First Aiders under Dr Tendulkar was held at the South Indian Education Society School on Sunday. The A. R. P. classes were conducted under the kind guidance of the local A. R. P. authorities, the chief instructor being Mr. Venguswami. Another First Aid class was conducted by Mr. Deshpande. There are 83 First Aiders in both these classes, whilst a good many well trained First Aiders are in the list. The A. R. P. lectures were also given to the South Indian shop assistants and hotel-keepers in Malayalam by Mr. C. K. Narayan, Class 3 Instructor.

The whole of Matunga has been divided into 12 convenient centres where centre officers and under them more than 65 units with unit officers have been appointed and every day at least 3 or 4 unit meetings are being held in different chawls. This week at least one dozen A. R. P. and First Aid classes will be started for the volunteers and the public at large.

Night patrolling work has already started in several units by the tenants themselves, whilst the volunteers are awaiting the patrolling camp to be opened at Matunga for getting themselves trained in the art of patrolling and signalling. Matunga circle expects to maintain atleast 4 A. R. P. posts and 4 First Aid posts, where competent doctors as well as trained First Aiders will be stationed. The Matunga circle office is situated at Napoo Hall.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE MAHIM: There will be an At Home at the Divisional Head Quarters at Palmlands Mori Road, at 5-45 p.m. to-day (Saturday), to meet Mr. D. Symington, A.R.P. Controller, who will also perform the opening ceremony of Mahim A.R.P. Club. Personnel should rally in uniform at 4-30 p.m.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: Dr. S. K. Deshpande will deliver a lecture on "First-Aid to the Injured" to-day (Saturday), at 9 p.m. in Ramnarain Ruia College.

GHATKOPAR STUDENTS' UNION.

Under the joint auspices of Ghatkopar Students' Union and Ghatkopar Taluka Congress Committee "Students' Day" will be observed to-day (Saturday), April 11, in connection with the National Week. Mass spinning will take place at 3 p.m. in the Municipal building and at 8 p.m. Mr. Shamaldas Gandhi will address a public meeting in Hindu Sabha Hall.

CRIMINAL TRIBES ACT AMENDING BILL

A Draft Bill to amend the Criminal Tribes Act of 1924 is published.

In Sec. 23, of the Act, the following subsection will be substituted for subsection 1.

Whoever, being a member of any criminal tribe and having been convicted of any of the offences under the Indian Penal Code specified in Schedule I, is convicted of the same or of any other offence specified in the Schedule shall be punishable with transportation for life or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years."

A statement explaining the proposed amendment says:—

Under Section 23 of the Criminal Tribes Act, 1924, severe minimum penalties have been provided for second, third and subsequent convictions of members of criminal tribes for offences specified in Schedule I to the Act. In paragraph 74 of its report, the Criminal Tribes Act Enquiry Committee observes that the section is most obnoxious and that the sentences inflicted under that section are brutal and has recommended its repeal. Government has considered the Committee's recommendation and has come to the conclusion that it would be expedient rather than repeal the section to modify it so as to remove the provisions regarding minimum penalties.

Section 75 of the Indian Penal Code which makes ordinary habitual offenders liable to enhance punishment is not considered sufficient in the case of members of criminal tribes as the range of offences to which this section is applicable is considerably narrower than that to which the present Section 23 of the Criminal Tribes Act applies. It is therefore proposed to amend Section 23 and to recast Schedule I of the Criminal Tribes Act so as to remove certain inaccuracies in the existing Schedule.

Warden Insurance Co., Ltd., Bombay

The eighth Annual General Meeting of the Warden Insurance Co. Ltd., Bombay was held at the company's premises at Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Road, Bombay, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. V. Jadhav, to adopt the annual report and balance sheet for the year 1941.

The report presented by the Directors includes, among other things, the shifting of the head office of the Company from Ahmedabad to Bombay, the completion and opening of "Warden House"—the company's own magnificent structure by Sir Purshottamdas Thakordas on 28th April 1941.

The year 1941 was a period of great anxiety and unrest in this country and in spite of the consequent depression, the "Warden Insurance Company, has been able to book in fresh business amounting to Rs 36,10,259 out of which 2108 proposals resulted in policies for Rs. 29 51,844 which represents a considerable increase over last year's figure. This brings the total business in force to Rs. 106,00,000 a very proud achievement in the short space of eight years in the face of so many adverse factors in recent years.

The net premium income, after deducting reassurance premia amounting to Rs 5,05,1256/6/- an increase of over Rs. 50,000/- over last year's figure. The expense ratio also is reduced to 43 per cent.

Bombay Quadrangular Water Polo Tournament

PARSIS REGAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Defeating the Europeans by five goals to three in a final which was packed with thrills, the Parsis regained the championship of the Bombay Quadrangular Water Polo Tournament on Thursday evening. The final was played at the Back Bay Bath. The Parsis had lost the championship to the Zionists last year.

His Highness the Maharana of Dharampur was the principal guest of the evening and gave away the Golvala Shield and medals to the Parsi team.

The Europeans were mainly the aggressors in the greater part of the Quadrangular final, with R. Deane the outstanding player, and they led by the odd goal up to the fifth. Thereafter they succumbed to superior staying power, however, their opponents finishing strongly to score thrice in the last six minutes of play.

The teams were:

PARSIS: A. N. Desai: P. N. Dasai and D. S. Daver: P. M. Pochkhanawala (Captain); M. N. Dick, R. P. Shroff and B. N. Patel.

EUROPEANS: A. B. Boyle: H. Wasgeli and M. Deane, L. F. Richards (Captain): N. Gordon, R. Deane and J. Anderson. Referee: H G Wastie.

The proceeds of the match will be donated to the Singapore Evacuees Fund.

Wheat Exports From Sind

KARACHI April 10.

The Sind Government, under the Defence Rules, directs wheat exporters to furnish particulars of their wheat consignments to the Wheat Commissioner before export. The order adds no wheat consignment will be accepted by the railway or shipping companies unless it is satisfied that the exporter has furnished the Wheat Commissioner, Delhi, all the necessary information."—A. P.

VOLUNTEERS' RALLY AT PARLE.

(From A Correspondent.)

Vile Parle Nagar Sanrakshan Samiti had arranged the Volunteers' Rally on Thursday, at 9-30 p.m. About 1,200 volunteers assembled in Gandhi Chowk and marched through the main roads of east and west Parle. At a public meeting at Tejpal estate Sardar Prithvisingh of the Ahinsak Vyayam Sangh exhorted them to cultivate the spirit of service which will be needed most in coming critical days.

BACKWARD CLASS HOSTELS: The Government of Bombay has accepted the recommendations of the Backward Class Board for the payment of capitation grants to Backward Class Hostels in respect of male and female students who have failed in examinations.

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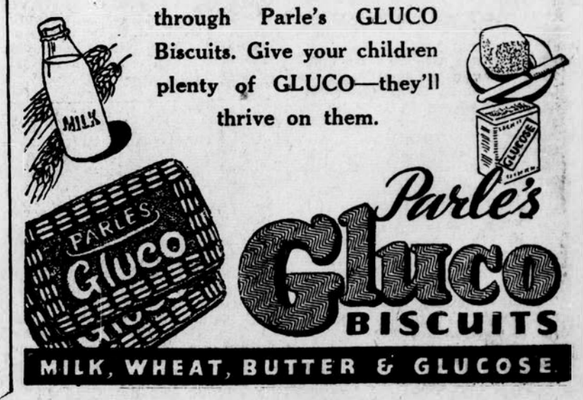

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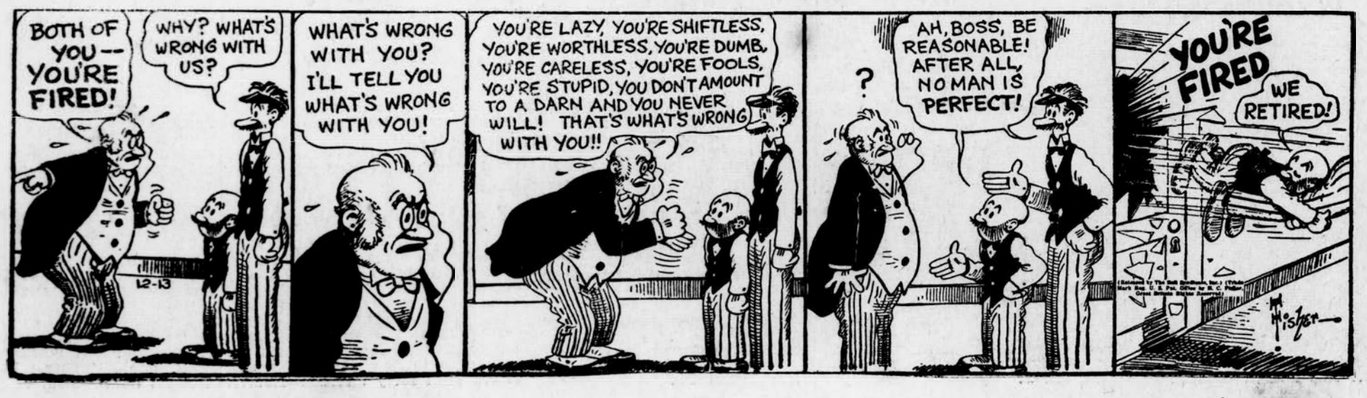
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TEST REPORT.

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CRIPPS MISSION

"It Has Turned One Of Its Most Difficult Corners"

SIR FREDERICK WHYTE'S TRIBUTE

LONDON, April 10.

The following article on the Cripps mission to India was written especially for Reuters by Sir Frederick Whyte, former President of the Indian Legislative Assembly and former Liberal Member of the British Parliament.

Sir Frederick Whyte was political adviser to the Chinese National Government for three years ending 1932. He is a well-known broadcaster and has lectured in the United States.

The Cripps mission has turned one of its most difficult corners, and though it is much too soon to say that a solution is in sight, the fact that he has decided to remain in Delhi and postpone his oft-promised statement are good signs, writes Sir Frederick Whyte.

CRIPPS—THE RIGHT MAN

The improvement in the Indian atmosphere, noted by all observers this week, is due to three causes; firstly, Sir Stafford Cripps himself. He was a good choice: the best in fact that could have been made.

He has applied his powerful mind, his imagination and his political sympathy to such a good effect, that he has nearly bridged the gulf between the Indian Congress and His Majesty's Government.

He has done so mainly by creating a new atmosphere, but also by being able to prove the good faith of the Government he represents:

Secondly, the improvement is also due to the new infusion of realism in Indian politics. Principal leaders of Indian nationalism have clearly been studying a constructive solution of the problem, and, as said above, have been enabled to do so in a large part because of the spirit in which Sir Stafford Cripps has carried out his mission so far:

Thirdly, the service which the mission has performed has been to reveal to the whole world the essential nature of the Indian problem and the constructive character of the British policy.

BRIDGING THE GULF

It may be said that the world opinion and specially the public feeling in the United States has ranged itself on the side for action, such as has been proposed by Britain.

These are great advantages. They point to a successful issue, but since there are great obstacles still to be surmounted one must approach the next days and weeks in India with cautious optimism.

The Cripps mission has proved that India's political destiny is beset by unique difficulties which lie in the nature of the Indian problem itself, in the complicated structure and the internal conflicts of the Indian society, and not either in the spirit or the matter of contemporary British policy.

This needed no proof to those who knew India, but it was not fully appreciated by others, and thus Sir Stafford has set the problem in its true Indian light.

Essentially the problem was not so much how to inaugurate an ideal constitution for India, but, having this purpose clearly in mind, how to recast the existing form of Government in order to yoke the whole power of the Indian political movement to India's task in the war without at the same time distracting attention from the war effort.

CHANGING HORSES IN MIDSTREAM

It would be unwise at the present stage to speculate too closely about the exact nature of the solution now under discussion, or to say much about the previous record of any of the parties in the case.

We are in fact in a new climate of opinion on the whole issue and the difficulty of reconciling the need for maintaining India's war machine at full efficiency and the political desirability of changes in the structure of Indian Government has been the nerve centre of Sir Stafford Cripps' problem.

It is never wise to change horses in the midstream, and in the torrent of a war the task is formidable indeed. It is clear that the successful diplomacy of Sir Stafford has brought both the Government of India and the Indian political parties to closer grips with their essential problem of the war: and though much remains to be done and many corners have still to be turned, I believe we shall look back on his mission as a turning point in the relation of India to a free British Commonwealth.

'THIS IS A VITAL MOMENT'.

This is a vital moment, and I think it must be recognised that at a time when the results of the war in the east have been to make men everywhere search their hearts anew on the old problem of relations between the east and the west, the British Government and the people have shown themselves ready and willing to make a new advance.

It should be noted, however, that the present proposals are natural heirs of the policy inaugurated 25 years ago, when great Indian political reforms were introduced during the last war.

To my mind the Cripps mission is not a radically new departure, but proves that the British policy of the past generation has in fact been dedicated to the doctrine of "India for Indians."—Reuter.

HOW VICHY HELPS JAPAN.

NEW YORK, April 10.

Vichy appointed officials in French Indo-China turned over to the Japanese army authorities those American officers and non-commissioned officers who sought refuge there, according to the Office of Facts and Figures quoting a Tokyo broadcast.

It was stated that American members of the Philippines forces reached the French Indo-China coast after drifting for eight days in a launch which was swept out from Manila Bay in a storm.—Reuter.

3 TRAIN LOADS OF NAZI PRISONERS TAKEN TO CANADA

HALIFAX, (Nova Scotia) April 9.

Three train loads of German prisoners arrived at a Canadian port.

An official described them as a "scraggy lot" and contrasted them with the first arrivals earlier in the war. Some appeared only 15 years old. They included soldiers, sailors and airmen.

WHEN PARLIAMENT REASSEMBLES

Statement May Be Made On India

LONDON, April 8.

When Parliament reassembles after the Easter Recess, the Government will be asked for further information concerning the later stages of the military campaign in Malaya and Singapore, writes Reuter's political correspondent.

It is understood that reports are still far from complete. One has been received from the Australian Commander Major-General Gordon Bennett but this covers only part of the circumstances necessary to make the complete picture. Even when further reports have been collected, it is probable that they will be referred to the Commander-in-Chief for comment and it is therefore unlikely that any comprehensive statement will be possible yet awhile.

Among many other subjects on which Government will be asked for information the foremost is India. Whether or not any statement will be made on this subject, necessarily depends on whether the situation has crystallised by the time Parliament resumes its sitting.—Reuter.

Iraq's Solicitude For India

NEW DELHI, April 9.

The Iraqi Press has taken close interest in Sir Stafford Cripps' visit to India and the "Al-Akhbar" in an editorial article entitled "The Independence of India forms a strong support to the Democracies in their present fight" writes as follows:—

"The Indians deserve independence, liberty and self-Government more than the flocks ruled by dictators in oppression and tyranny. Sir Stafford Cripps and leaders of the public opinion of democratic England know and appreciate this vital phase of this great people.

It is no wonder, therefore, that they do their utmost to grant the Indians their rights and to solve their political problems as soon as possible so as to win them to stand for democracy as a might power in repelling the dictatorial aggression and in stemming the danger threatening India. No free human being would like her to fall a prey to dissensions and to political intrigues and to become booty in the hand of the aggressor".—A. P.

PRINCE BERNARD IN CANADA

OTTAWA, April 9.

Prince Bernard arrived at 1 p.m.—Reuter.

SWEDEN'S FEELING OF INSECURITY

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 7.

In non-British diplomatic quarters it is reported that Sweden's feeling of security against German invasion has recently increased, mainly because there are indications that Hitler is confident that the Allies will not attempt an invasion of Norway for some time.

These sources have denied the recent reports that Sweden has ordered general mobilisation. It is said that Sweden's armed forces do not total probably at a rough estimate, about half the total planned in the event of a war.

COMPENSATION FOR WAR LOSSES

LONDON, April 8.

The report that the Netherlands East Indies Government have promised compensation for loss or damage caused by enemy action is not confirmed in London.

Official Dutch circles state that the Netherlands Government in London has received no confirmation of such a declaration.

It is recalled that during the initial period of hostilities it was stated that the question of compensation must wait till after the war.—Reuter.

ENEMY SUFFERS HEAVY LOSSES IN RAIDS ON MALTA

MALTA, April 10

The German airforce made two heavy attacks on Malta on Thursday, the second of which is still in progress, it is announced in a communique this evening.

The raids followed earlier reconnaissances. The island's anti-aircraft destroyed a Junkers 87, a Junkers 88 and a Messerschmitt 109. Another Messerschmitt was damaged.

The first attack was made at mid-day the main targets being the harbour.

Aerodromes were also bombed by numerous bombers, some being Junkers 87. Some Messerschmitt 109's also dropped bombs.

Last night there were six alerts for single raiders which dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs.

Two Messerschmitt 109's machine-gunned along the coast, but one was destroyed and the other damaged by light anti-craft artillery.

There was some damage to civil property and there were some casualities, the communique adds.

War On Intellectuals

(From Our Correspondent.)

VICHY, April 7.

A number of intellectuals, scientists and professors are arrested in Paris. The number of the arrested persons, as also the reason for their arrest, are not known.

Madras Govt. Opens Hotels

Sequel To Exodus And Closure Of Shops

MADRAS, April 10.

"It has been brought to the notice of the Government that a large number of hotels and eating houses in the City and its environs have been closed in the last few days and that there is likelihood that more will be closed shortly. As a consequence of this action on the part of the proprietors large numbers of persons living and working in the city are being put to great difficulty and hardship in obtaining their daily food", says a press note issued by the Government of Madras.

The press note adds: "While the Government realise that the exodus of a large number of the population would justify a certain number of hotels and eating houses closing down on account of lack of customers, they have to point out that there are still many thousands of persons who have to remain in Madras and do their ordinary work. Of these many have already sent away their families and the number of persons therefore who are dependent on hotels for their meals is probably greater rather than less than hitherto. That these persons should be able to get their food without difficulty is a matter of the most vital importance, and the Government have therefore instructed the Civil Defence Commissioner to make immediate arrangements for the opening of some hotels in the areas worst affected. Meals of the kind to which patrons have been accustomed and at charges which they ordinarily pay will be provided at these hotels.—A. P.

LONDON:—The announcement of the seconding of Sir Cosmo Parkinson, the administrative head of the Colonial Office for special duties discloses a new departure in the Colonial policy, learns Reuter's political correspondent.

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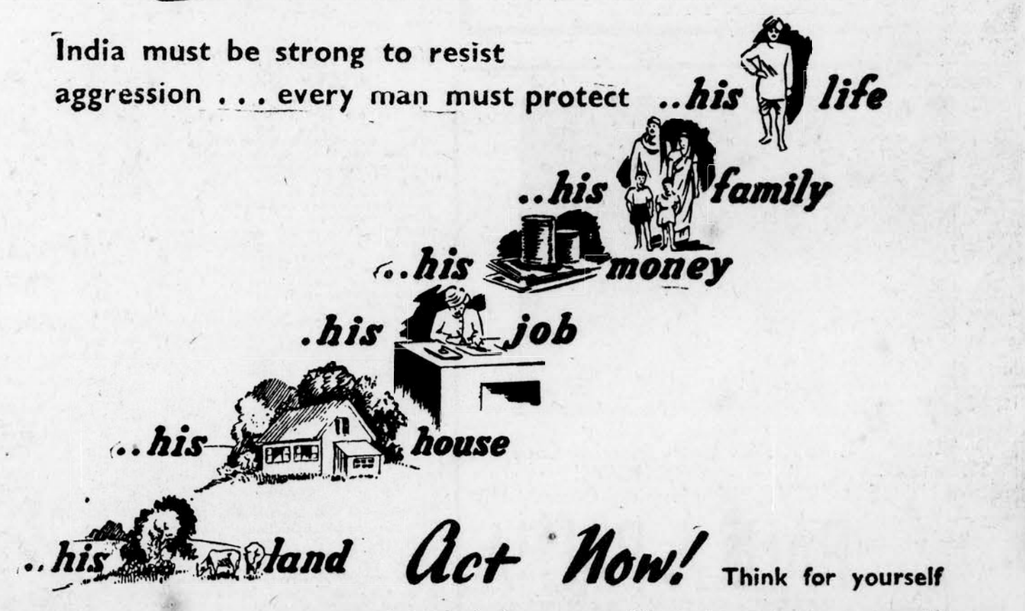

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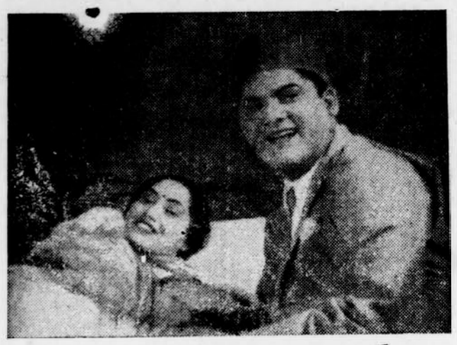

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A 'Peerless Pictures' Release

Premiere Of 'Kirti' At Minerva Today

Baby Akhtar and Noor Jehan in "Khan-Daan" shortly coming to West End.

'Pahila Palna' Catches

Delightful Blend Of Comedy, Satire And Romance

A surprisingly brilliant talent for comedy is revealed by screen's two front rank stars Baburao Pendharkar and Shanta Hublikar, hitherto famous only for their dramatic portrayals in New Huns' 'Pahila Palna' attracting full houses at Central since last Saturday.

Playing the characterization of a modern couple, the witty sophisticated tale of marital life offers the star-pair roles unlike anything they have ever attempted before. As Dhananjay a son of an Inamdar Baburao Pendharkar is called upon to play Romeo, Robinhood and Lothario in turn, and he plays it so brilliantly that one would never believe that same person could portray villain's role equally brilliantly.

The same is true of Shanta Hublikar who presents a perfect picture of modern woman with all her haughty egotism and distrust of mere male; she has so transformed herself that she looks strikingly different from her immortal characterization of Kesar and thereby reveals her aptitude for sophisticated wit and modern satire. Moreover, she sings four lyrics in most delightful manner.

The story by Vishram Bedekar relates how a modern woman, who has pledged herself not to marry or have a child, marries a gay romantic youth after a hectic romance and after staking her own happiness and home is forced to bow down to nature's laws when she becomes the mother of a bonnie boy. Though both of her pledges are broken she has not yet freed herself from obstinacy and egotism. It is only when her husband plays he-man tactics that she surrenders herself to the normal duties of a wife and mother.

Such a story with a moral for all married couple affords ample scope for incidental comedy and pithy dialogue. The author-director Vishram Bedekar with his poetic imagery, mordant satire, eloquent craftsmanship has offered us in 'Pahila Palna' a most delightful blend of romance and comedy. The artistic photography by Pandurang Naik, the tuneful music and convincing portrayals by supporting cast including Kusum Deshpande, Dinkar Kamanna, Indu Natu, Balabai and others lend additional charm to the picture. Producer Baburao Pendharkar deserves all our congratulation for producing Picture that enhances considerably the reputation of New Huns Pictures for their social comedies.

BOMBAY KEYED UP TO "KHAN DAAN"

By far the most generous patron of a good film in this country is Bombay. "Khazanchi", which had a big run all over, nevertheless made its biggest record in this city. Now it is the turn of "Khan Daan" of Pancholi Arts.

There are good reasons for the impatient eagerness of Bombay for "Khan Daan". And there is every indication that the eagerness will be rewarded. Those "Khazanchi" songs are still on our lips; the tunes still hum in our ears. And the same Ghulam Haider is Music Director of "Khan Daan".

The impish Manorama figures in the "Khan Daan" cast; so do Ajmal and Durga Mota, and other favourites like Ghulam Mahomed.

But the biggest histrionic attraction of "Khan Daan" is a girl who makes her first bow on the Hindustani screen. It is Noor Jehan, screen's latest sensation, one of the finest idols the tribe of "fans" has ever had.

Noor Jehan brings to "Khan Daan" a freshness and vitality, a gaiety of manner and charm of looks, a magic voice that acts like a spell all of which make one wonder how it was that she was allowed to keep away from the screen so long. The discovery of this star may yet count among the major achievements of Dalsukh M. Pancholi. The starring of this artiste is certainly one of the major reasons for the inquisite eagerness of Bombay for "Khan Daan".

NEW THEATRES STUDIOS BUSY

Director Hem Chunder's coming Hindusthani vehicle, "Saogandh", based on the same dramatic materials, which had gone in to the weaving of his well-merited Bengali production "Pratisruti", is making rapid progress at New Theatres Studio No. I.

It is a drama of a son's pledge to his father, carefully worked out to include every element of human emotions efficiently served with a neat and proportionate blending of enthralling songs.

Pahari, Bharati, Chandravati and Ashitbaran are the principal players in this drama of love, temptation and sacrifice, which provides finest entertainment for one and all.

Great Success Of "Malan"

Second Crowded Week At Lamington

The producers of "Ghar-ki-Laj" now presenting their second social musicomedy "Malan" are drawing crowded houses at the Lamington Talkies, have really done a hat-trick. 'Malan' released through Mr. Bachubhai Raval of Select Serial Supply at the Lamington, now in its 2nd week proved the fact that it is a worthy successor to "Ghar-ki-Laj."

Few things are more appealing than the spectacle of two young people awakening to the romance and the mystery of love which is the main theme of "Malan". The story of "Malan" is brilliantly and appealingly written by Mr M. G. Dave. The adorable team of Shanta Hublikar and Balwantsing with Jagdeesh, Ratanbai, Mirza Musharraf, Kalyani, Butt, etc make a perfect cast.

It is a touching story of a garden-girl who lived and supported her drunken father by selling flowers. In fact she was a flower-girl, whose beauty was more alluring and attractive than her flowers. A rich and scheming Zemindar Sheth Chhabildas, whose wife was really an ideal Hindu wife, contrives to lay a snare around her. But the dame fate had something ruthless and tragic in store for all of them What happens then, is most touchingly described on the screen by Director Vishnukumar Vyas.

FINE PERFORMANCES IN "DOCTOR"

14th Week At New West End

Hoping all other sweethearts of the Indian Screen for natural, real and refreshingly sprightful performance, Bharatdevi, New Theatres new find has captured the public imagination in "Doctor". New Theatres' most appealing human document, now attracting the elite in its 14th week at New West End Talkies

Bharatidevi, Shibani of "Doctor" with her sparkling performance wins the applause of the audience. Her sweet and silverry music, her histrionic appeal and her poiseful personality has arrested the attention of the hard-boiled critics even. Although, this is her first appearance on the screen, she is absolutely at home before the cameras and does her job charmingly.

Along with Jyoti Prakash, equally new on the screen, one can safely say that they form an ideal and perfect romantic pair on screen. Other performances by Punkaj Mullick, Ahin Chowdhury, Panna, Nemo and Amar Mullick are quite satisfactory. But Ahin Chowdhury, with his remarkably supreme performance as an orthodox old father compels admiration. His sincerity and confidence in acting demand special mention. Punkaj Mullic and Panna do their jobs in a quite natural style.

NATIONAL STUDIO NEWS

Director Mehboob, who has been busy on 'Roti' has now gone to Jodhpur with his complete unit to shoot some desert scenes. The unit includes Sheikh Mukhtar, Chandramohan, Sitara, Akhtaribai Fyzabadi, Faredoon Irani, among others. These desert scenes are to provide Roti with the realism the story demands.

'Vijay' starring Husn Banu, Khote, Harish, Sankatha and others was before the Bombay Board of Film Censors last week and is now awaiting release.

'Lalaji' starring Yeshodhara Katju and Krishnakant is now completed.

Surendra and Husn Banu, who are co-starred in Production No. 17 (no name has yet been fixed) are making a grand team in this comedy directed by Mirza. The work on this is steadily going ahead.

In the meanwhile Nalini Jaywant in 'Nirdosh' now in its second week at Swastik Talkies is proving a grand entertainer to huge crowds. Song, Music and dance with thrilling romance seem to be good fare for National's fans.

Dance By Urmilla

The last setting of 'Badal' is set and what a setting—a full Dance-sequence of graceful Danders very charmingly lead by glamorous Urmila—a full feast to the eye—the background Music very pleasing to the ear—

Director Zahur Raja has put his heart and soul in the complete picture and he is busy editing the picture.

The cast includes Zahur Raja, Radha Rani, Urmilla, S. Nazir, Shanta, Baby Shakti, A. R. Pahelwan, Radha Krishna and others.

RANGNEKAR'S SCREEN-PLAY

Maiden Film Of Venus At Minerva

Venus Pictures' maiden production Kirti released through New India Film Corporation, will have its all India Premiere on Saturday at Minerva.

The picture which co-stars Lalita Pawar, Jairaj and Jagdish, is said to be an absorbing and emotional triangle drama portrayed by three people, a father, a son and a girl whom destiny lands in a strange predicament.

Lalita Pawar is cast as a village girl infatuated with fancy dreams of city life and when her aunt invites her to the city, she rushes there with a hope of fulfilling her dream. Destiny has strange things in store for her. To begin with, the acknowledged lover (played by Jairaj) of her aunt's daughter falls in love with her, and the aunt scenting the danger marries her off to a man of advanced age, who turns out to be her lover's father (played by Jagdish).

Dreams about city life are shattered and the village girl is at her wits' end in finding a way out of this strangest of all love triangles. And it is in unravelling this dilemma that Mr. M. G. Rangekar, its author, has shown his consummate skill as a dramatist.

Directed by Gunjal who is famed for his emotional touches and slick craftsmanship the absorbing story of 'Kirti' is destined to become a great motion picture. The performances of three stars supported by a capable cast including Sunalini Devi, Urmila, Sushilkumar and others, scintillating music by Bali and crisp dialogues by Pandit Fani are said to embellish its entertainment appeal.

BHARAT TALKIES' "KIS-KI-BIBI" FOR SUPER

Bharat Talkies maiden social comedy "Kis-ki-Bibi" was released yesterday at Super Talkies. It has been produced underthe personal supervision of Mr. P. B. Zaveri (Propierton. Art Advertising Bureau) and ably directed by Mr. M. A. Mirza

It is one of the few comedy hits which has been so successfully tackled as to build up the standard of comedy pictures so far produced. Its cast include Anuradha (Mother India Fame) E. Billimoria, Kalvani, Vatsala Kumthekar, Gulab, Patty Prasad, Munshi Khanjar, Musical score is ably directed by well-known director Rafique Gaznavi.

"Bharat Milap" On The Gallop

Like a racing steed, "Bharat Milap" has been galloping at top speed from week to week and though two and a half months have gone by since its release, it shows no signs of slackening in its pulling power. At this rate the picture has in store several more months to be added to its current run.

On a careful analysis of its extraordinary hold on the public, the notable features that arrest one's attention are the overpowering human appeal of the story, the lavish artistic background and the uniformly high level of work by the cast.

"Guest" Shortly Coming To Opera House

Ranjit's latest social 'The Guest' is a stirring saga of everlasting youth. It raises the controversy going in minds of young people "should they prefer riches to love?" Director Chaturbhuj Doshi has treated the subject from a novel angle. The story songs and dialogues are by D. S. Mudhok.

'The Guest' stars Indian screen's popular team Mudhuri and Ishwarlal ably supported by Shamim, Rama Shukul and Mubarak. The screen play is booked for Release at Opera House.

"Society" Popular At Novelty

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Sitara plays the role of a village girl marvellously illustrating the changes that come over as she undergoes the process of mental transformation.

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Lalita Pawar in 'Kirti' coming to Minerva to-day.

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GOVERNOR'S WIFE BUYS KHADI

PESHAWAR, April 10.

It is understood that regular branches of the A. I. S. A. and A. I. V. I. A. are being opened in the North-West Frontier Province and plans have been considered by Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan. Sales in the local Khaddar Bhandar have gone up during the National Week and it is stated that Lady Cunningham, wife of the Governor, also made a purchase of Khadi about two days ago.—A. P.

The Government of Bombay has extended the term of office of the members of the present Backward Class Board by one year until March 31, 1943.

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TURKISH ECONOMIC LIEE

Restrictions Imposed As A Result Of War Conditions

I.

Two and a half years of war have left their mark on Turkish economy. Gradually as the war progresses an acute shortage of imported commodities makes itself felt and we find one thing after another disappear from the local markets. The difficulties which evolve from this situation are manifold. It is no good arguing that the national industry can suppy all the necessities, or that Turkish agriculture, although developed in the last twenty years, is able by itself to satisfy the special conditions created by the war.

FOOD RATIONING

In the first place the national industry needs a constant overhauling of its machinery. Spare parts are needed, and machine tools have to be replaced. The possibilities of importation are limited and therefore the Turkish Government is studying the various possibilities of rationing all articles of primary necessity.

At the present moment the Turkish Government has recalled a series of commercial counsellors attached to missions accredited in countries that are waging war. They are comparing the reports which these counsellors have made on the various systems of rationing in force throughout Europe. A final complete system of rationing has not yet been imposed in Turkey, but since the beginning of this year bread has been rationed.

The fact that this essential foodstuffs has been rationed before any other in a country that has relied mainly on her agricultural surplus for her trade balance, will induce us to examine the problem of food rationing and scarcity in Turkey somewhat closer.

TURKISH PEASANTRY

Since June, 1941, the Turkish Government has ceased the publication of statistics relating to trade, imports and exports, and practically all production figures. The reason given for this is that it is a precaution dictated by reasons of national security. It is therefore very difficult to quote figures in support of the various conclusions drawn whilst examining the commercial aspect of Turkish life. We know, however, that the population of Turkey exceeds today the 19 million mark. The latest statistics of one year ago, have established that of these nineteen millions 80 per cent. are peasants. Turkey has therefore a peasant population of about 15 millions. Subtracting from these the usual percentage of old men, children and women, Turkey should have a working peasantry of about five to six million souls. That is in normal times

MILLION AND A HALF MEN UNDER ARMS

Ever since September, 1939, Turkey has been in a state of national emergency and has been forced to keep a standing army of, shall we say, one and a half million men under arms at different points. Work of national importance must have drawn another half million men from the country, for the building of roads, improvements of harbour facilities and railway construction. Therefore, about a third of Turkey's peasant working population has been diverted from its original tasks. These thirty per cent. are being missed in the fields and should a doubtful season like last year's set in the decrease in agricultural production is evident.

At the same time, the exportable surplus of the years, 1938 and 1939 has disappeared from the market. Where has it gone to? A superficial examination leads to wrong conclusions and there is no evidence that this surplus has gone to Axis countries as some people will have it. It is without doubt that a greater part of this surplus has been stocked for emergency purposes. As bread is the only rationed article at present let us examine the position of wheat. A great quantity of wheat has been stored for emergency purposes, in case Turkey has to face a crisis and enter the war on the side of the Allies.

But there is a second aspect to this matter which is not obvious in western countries, but which constitutes one of the fundamental shortcomings of agricultural life of European and Eastern countries. It is the feeding of the army. Owing to the hardships imposed on the soldier under colours, he is given one loaf of bread a day. But Turkey's soldiers are mostly peasants and they for their part do not eat bread when at home, or very limited quantities. Turkey needs 600 tons of wheat a day for her army or 222,000 tons per year. This calculation is for an army of one and a half million men. Shall we say therefore that Turkey has a surplus internal consumption of wheat of nearly one quarter million tons. The same problem arises when the meat situation is reviewed.

Whilst having this surplus, there is also a deficit of production which could be about double the surplus consumption. If the weather factor for last year is considered another deficit of one quarter million tons must be added. The total deficit according to normal peace standards would be about one million tons. To this we must add the necessity of building up stocks and we see that the shortage of wheat is caused by perfectly normal circumstances in abnormal times.

Bread has accordingly been rationed and at the beginning of the year the ration per head and per day was fixed at 375 grams for adults, half that for children under twelve and 600 grams for every working man. This rationing system has been introduced in the towns first, and had as first result that the peasants from the surrounding villages had to resort to their own wheat, which in turn was rationed at 300 grams daily from the farmers own stocks which was more than sufficient.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES

Municipality's Apathy Deplored

The Seventh Annual Report of the Social Workers' Society for the year 1941, is issued from which the following extracts are given:—

During the last seven years the Society has devoted its energy for the social uplift of the working class of our city and during the year under report has continued to render humble service according to the means at its disposal. During the year under report the Society has continued its activities for the improvement of housing and slums of our city.

On behalf of the Society Messrs. G. Vaidyanath, R. B. Patel and Miss P. N. Nariman rendered services to the Children's Aid Society as voluntary supervisors. Dr. P. B. Datar is doing social work among poor people regarding unemployment, medical relief etc. Visits to the following places were organised during the year: (1) Balkan-ji-Bari Centre, Vile Parle; (2) Balkan-ji-Bari Centre, Khar; (3) Children's Home, Chembur; and (4) Venereal Diseases Clinic, J. J. Hospital.

The Society sent its considered views based on its experiences to the Director of Information regarding the proposed amending of some of the sanitary provisions and sections of the Bombay Municipal Act. In November, 22 Zaveli sheds of poor workers were burnt at Colaba. The Society was approached for help and after investigation the Society donated a small sum for the relief.

This year the Society organised Diwali Sports at three centres when about 400 children of 5 groups of chawls took part in various games.

This year several visits were paid to the hospitals in our city. All the wards have been visited and the lady members of the committee visited the female wards also. The object of these visits is to come in touch with the needy and poor patients who have no friends and try to help them and cheer them up and make useful suggestions to help them after they leave the hospitals.

The primary class of Gujerati Harijan children of Colaba Chawls has been conducted by the committee. About 22 girls and boys attend the class. Singing and sewing are taught to the girls. Mrs. D. N. Naik conducts the class five times a week.

The Society is of opinion that the housing problem is the most important civic problem. If we wish our city to be really a civilised city then we should try to house the citizens in decent, airy and sanitary houses. If we wish to fight against crime and disease then our first attack should be against our slums. Either we should clear them or improve them so that they may no longer be called slums. 74 per cent of our citizens are not housed properly, therefore this problem is not merely important but a very pressing one which requires immediate attention.

In order to have better sanitation for our city and make our citizens realise their duty the society had last year sent a memorandum to His Worship the Mayor of Bombay, requesting him to convene a conference to launch a city clean campaign. We regret to state that so far nothing has been done.

We regret to state that on revisiting some of the 25 chawls (mentioned in the report) this year, we found no improvement in the condition and no action had been taken by the Municipality since last year.

The entertainment committee carried on its activities of entertaining boys and girls and whenever possible adults residing in the slums by organising outings and excursions.

The Lecture Committee organised eight lectures and meetings during the year.

The Society has, continued to render humble service in spite of financial difficulties. The balance of Re. 1-14-3 only clearly shows how difficult it is for us to work. The sum of Rs. 150 being the life membership reserve fund. The Society also needs more active workers.

Broken Thermometers

Owing to urgent demands for thermometers and anticipated delays in obtaining supplies from overseas, a request was made by the Department of Supply for the salvaging of broken glass thermometer tubings. That Department now also requests the the public to salvage all metal cases and metal scales from unserviceable or broken thermometer.

All material collected should be sent direct to the Superintendent, Mathematical Instrument Office, 15, Wood Street, Calcutta, on the first working day of each quarter, for examination and salvage.

HELPING EX-CONVICTS TO TURN OVER NEW LEAF

J. R. B. Jeejeebhoy Recounts Work Of Bombay Society During 25 Years

An interesting account of the origin and progress of the Bombay Presidency Released Prisoners' Aid Society is given in a pamphlet written by Mr. J. R. B. Jeejeebhoy, Treasurer of the Society. H. E. Sir Roger Lumley, who has written a foreword to the pamphlet, commends it to the attention of all who are interested in the important field of social welfare in which the Society is working.

The rehabilitation of discharged prisoners with a view to awaken in them a sense of repentence and a desire to make amends and turn over a new leaf as soon as they are set free, so that they might lead honourable and respectable lives is the primary object of the Society, which was founded on 18th March, 1914. Whereas in the first year of its existence, the Society could help only 97 released prisoners, for 29 of whom regular employment in mills, docks, etc. was found, in 1940 no less than 761 released prisoners were helped in various ways.

SHELTER IN THE HOME

Forty-six released prisoners were given shelter in the Society's Home in 1940. The Home supplies one of the most urgent needs of the Society. As Mr. Jeejeebhoy puts it, "When the locks of the prison are unfastened and the doors swing wide open casting out the unfortunate persons in the wide world, the Home is the one haven where the hopeless and the helpless beings can repair and cheer their jail thoughts. Those who have a dream of a better life might get their food and shelter until the Agent tries to secure employment for them, if possible. Under its roof they get at least some semblance of home influence and do not find themselves secluded from the world whose laws they have outraged. At a time when there are no pals to cheer them, no hopes to comfort them, no friendly hand to assist them, when all the world cast them off as undesirable persons, having the taint of imprisonment resting on them, this Home is all the world for the released prisoners. Here every possible care is taken to wean ex-convicts from a career of crime and support their first feeble steps to salvation and enable them to stand on their feet."

PROBATION OFFICERS

Since 1940 Probation Officer has been appointed to interview prisoners in the city's prisons, as well as to ascertain the requirements of released prisoners and to report the same to the Society's executive. As a sequel to the appointment of the probation officer, a sub-committee, called the "case committee" has been appointed to go into the cases submitted by this officer from time to time. Out of the 2,000 cases contacted by the probation officer during two years only about 10 p. c. were found actually requiring jobs or assistance, the others being, according to Mr. Jeejeebhoy, "indifferent to the help proffered." The Society was able to find jobs for 60 ex-convicts during 1941 as against 22 in 1940. Two honorary lady probation officers, Mrs. J. M. Kumarappa and Miss Ivy Childs, were appointed last year to attend to the female population of the prisons.

Mr. Jeejeebhoy concludes his account with the following observation:—

"With the development of this department, it is hoped that in coming years more employers of labour will sponsor our work and that more social workers will join as Honorary Probation Officers and assist the Society in this great humanitarian mission of reclaiming greater and greater numbers of ex-convicts to a normal life of social participation."

Karnataka University Movement

(From A Correspondent)

BELGAUM, April 7.

A meeting of sympathisers and supporters of the Karnataka University movement was held yesterday under the Chairmanship of Mr. Narayanrao Joshi, M.L.A., Deputy Speaker and it was resolved to hold a conference at Belgaum in the first week of May for initiating the Karnataka University movement and also condemning attempts at inclusion of Belgaum District in the proposed Maharashtra University.

"If Hitler Told The Truth"

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:

In the January number of "John Bull," the Editor has essayed to depict Hitler's inner mind in the beginning of this year says he, "If Hitler told the truth he would have to admit the following bitter facts:—

(1) H. never thought, Britain would enter the War on behalf of Poland.

(2) H. missed the train when he deferred invading England, after the flight from Dunkirk.

(3) H. made a mistake, when he took on Mussolini, for he has proved such a white elephant in Greece and in Africa!

(4) H. crowning blunder was to have attacked Russia. For, Stalin has outwitted him from start to finish!

(5) And it was Stalin, who drove H. to call in Japan!

The Editor winds up this soliloquy by observing that "we can expect no easy path, and no shortcut to victory but as Churchill has said we have to pass through "blood and toil and tears and sweat."

May Heaven befriend us!

TENANTS' CALL TO LANDLORDS

The Bombay Tenants Association in the course of a statement says:—

Owing to the present panic in the City many tenants have either sent or intend to send their families and children out of Bombay, and vacated their tenements. Block tenants have been shifting to two-room tenements; two-room tenants to single rooms; and one and two room tenements have been vacating their rooms. These tenants have rightly decided now to live in group system.

It is a hard time for the landlords. In the interest of the tenants and of themselves, the landlords should behave boldly in these times; and they should satisfy their tenants by reducing the present high rents by 50 per cent., by which bold stand they should seek co-operation of their tenants in the emergency, which is likely to be created in the enemy's air attacks. Instead of keeping a large number of rooms vacant, it will be profitable for the landlords if they keep almost all the residential places occupied.

The landlords are likewise expected to keep one or two places on the ground floor as shelters fully equipped with the A. R. P. things and First Aid requisites, which will be otherwise made compulsory by Government order

3 ARTS FETE AT GREENS

Three Arts Fete will be held on Sunday at 4-30 p.m. at Greens. The chief guest, Principal Fyzee, will speak on "The Future of World Civilisation," Kumar Jayakar, a classical Kathakali dancer of repute, will make his first appearance in the following figures, viz., "Namaskaram," "Allarapu," "Padam", "Tillana" and "Jatiswaram" on different 'talams' and 'ragams'. He will be supported by Flute, Jaltarang and Orchestra. Kathakali is different to Kathak. The Kumar is the pupil of Minakshi Sunderam Pillai, of Tanjore, the greatest exponent of Kathakali.

MADRAS, April 6

The results of yesterday's all-night test blackout in the city of Madras are reported to be quite satisfactory.

GOVERNMENT MOVE FOR SUGAR CONTROL

Protest By The Merchants' Association

The Bombay Sugar Merchants' Association have protested against the Government's intention of controlling sugar trade. In their telegram to the Hon. Commerce Member to the Government of India, it was clarified that the Association viewed with grave concern the Government move. Such intervention at this stage is unnecessary and unwarranted. The Association strongly urges Government not to take any such step without consulting its accredited representatives. The Association feels stoppage of expert only remedy to ease situation."

As a rejoinder to the above telegram, the Secretary of the Association further observes in his letter to the Hon. Commerce Member:—

"My Association, as any merchant-body would be, is averse to an idea of control. Control always hampers free trade and is an undesirable interference. Moreover it is sure to bring with it the corruption, which would frustrate all the Government intentions behind it, if it is not properly and rightly handled. Control no sooner contemplated, much less announced gives birth to unnatural shortage, as those who can afford begin to overstock for the future.

"My Association is not so unreasonable as to favour excessive profiteering. The profiteering is chiefly done by millowners. Their selling policy is the chief cause of inflation in prices. Most of the mills are not selling their sugar still even at a premium of Rs. 2 per maund over the price fixed by the sugar commission. Business was done only the day before yesterday at Rs. 2/4 premium of big mill parties. The merchant after buying at a heavy premium gets two or three annas a maund only in spite of heavy expenses, which are daily increasing heavily. Therefore instead of sugar control the chief way to check the inflation is to enforce mills to sell freely and at a very reasonable premium. It will support all reasonable means devised by the Government to check it.

"It also feels that, if export of sugar is totally stopped at present and if the propaganda, among the cultivators to grow more cane, for which there is ample scope, and force the mills to start crushing about the 15th of November and to sell off all the stock before the new season starts, is made, the present inflation will subside by itself and if people would be assured of big crop next season, the hoarding by non-sugar merchants will automatically cease."

NEW DELHI, April 9.

With immediate effect, mail communication to British New Guinea (Papua) has been temporarily suspended. No postal article or money for this country, therefore, will be accepted by Indian Post Offices for transmission to destination until further notice. —A. P.

NATIONAL CULTURAL EXHIBITION

Karachi To Hold Unique Show

The Acharya of the Bharat Jatiya Vidya Mandir, Karachi writes as follows:—

On the occasion of the next annual anniversary of The Bharat Jatiya Vidya Mandir, a National Cultural Exhibition on an All-India scale is to be held here in the middle of June next. The unique feature of this Exhibition will be the demonstration by means of charts and models, the glory of ancient Indian Art, Creed and Culture as also different aspects of Society and Woman, Trade and Industry, Laws and Regulations, etc. thereby to find ways and means to reinstate that glorious culture of the past.

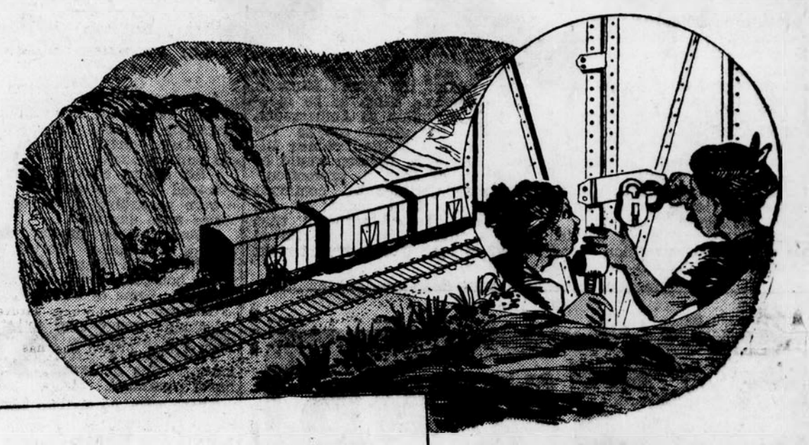
Various committees from the most representative citizens of Karachi have been formed to conduct this novel exhibition on pure nation-building schemes. The seven days' programme is based on the following subjects.

(1) Evolution of Indian Religion since the period of Buddha, (2) Indian Social Culture on Specific Basis, (3) India Towards Her Independence, (4) Reorganisation of Indian Economics on National Basis, (5) Rebuilding National Educational Structure, (6) Indian Womanhood in National Struggle and (7) Kissan and Mazdoor Day.

Invitations have been sent to most cultured national "Brains" of India to grace the occasion. Also, to all Indian States, as a certain section of the Exhibition ground has been allotted for demonstrating ancient art and culture of Indian States, in separate rooms set aside for each State inside the special State Avenue of the Exhibition.

All those interested in the evolution of a New India on purely national basis, are kindly requested to send their exhibits of models and charts, ideas and plans or schemes, to The Select Committee, The Bharat Jatiya Vidya Mandir, 10/11 Rambaugh Quarter, Karachi. Prizes will be awarded to the best selections. For further particulars please communicate direct.

PESHAWAR, April 7: The International Defence exercise in North West India which began on 1st April completed its first week to-day. Both the defence services and the general public worked strenuously testing out the arrangements for an emergency.



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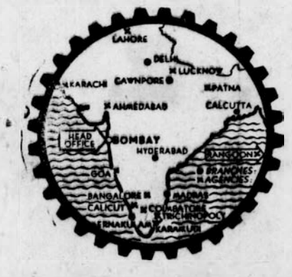

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NEW ROUTES TO CHINA

JAPS CAN NEVER CUT OFF THESE COMMUNICATIONS

CHUNGKING, April 10.

Refugees fleeing on foot into India from Burma are blazing new trails across trackless mountains where man has never before trod, writes Reuter's special correspondent.

Others follow in thousands and the Japanese themselves have thus provided a solution which transport experts have been seeking for years—new routes into China from India through north Burma and southern Tibet.

Terror is again shown to be a two-edged sword. For along these routes will pour Allied supplies for Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, no matter how far north the Japanese may thrust into Burma.

There is here no question of building motor roads—all that is required is a foot-hold for man or beast, a camel, horse, or mule—anywhere that a fly can crawl.

Transport is by human porters, pack-animals, man-hauled rubber tyred carts and river junks. Every natural feature is exploited.

It is announced to-day that 500 miles of one of the many such routes has been widened into a highway and others are in the process of construction.

Meanwhile transportation units constitute arteries along which China's life blood is flowing.

Last year these units carried more than half a million tons, and mobilised 300,000 labourers, 25,000 pack animals, 60,000 carts and 20,000 junks.

Mr. William Wang, Director of the Chinese Ministry of Communications, announced on Thursday that three main international transport lines are being developed, part of this system incorporating the great Kinsha River of Golden Hand—and the newly completed Loshan-Hsikhan or Kiating-Ningyuan highway through western Szechwan and south eastern Sikiang.

This system will also link up with cargo coming off north-western highway from Russia. —Reuter.

CANADA'S LEGATION MAY BE RAISED TO EMBASSY

OTTAWA, April 9.

Reports are current here that the Canadian Legation in Washington might soon be raised to the status of an Embassy under an Ambassador who will be a member of the Cabinet.

It will be regarded as a promotion for any member of the Cabinet, except the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, to be moved to Washington as Ambassador, and this has given rise to the speculation that the Defence Minister Mr. J. L. Ralston would be deserving of such a promotion.

Officials declined to comment on the report in regard to the Embassy, but it is known that such a change has been talked about in high Government circles. —Reuter.

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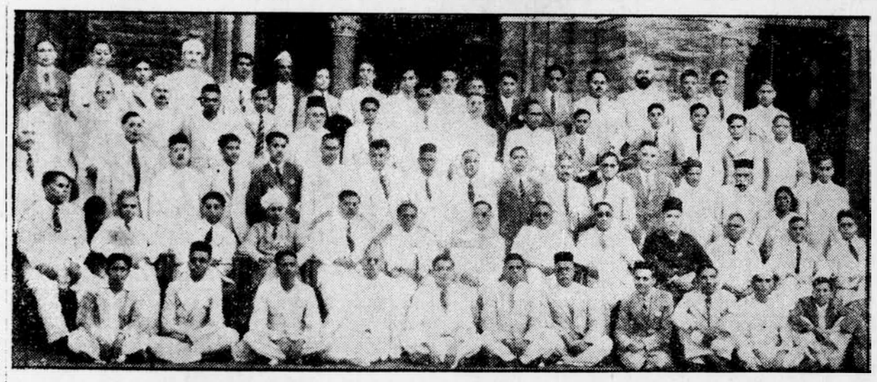

A group of delegates to the fift h session of the All-India Library Conference, which met in Bombay recently.

TRINCOMALEE TRIP PROVES COSTLY

12 Planes Destroyed, 2 More Damaged

Allies Launch Offensive On Prawling Pirates

COLOMBO, April 10.

A communique states that the enemy attack on Trincomalee on Thursday morning was carried out by a large enemy force of bombers and fighters.

Six enemy aircraft were destroyed for certain, six others were probably destroyed and two were damaged.

Four further enemy fighters were shot down during an attack on the enemy squadron by our bombers, which scored near-misses. Some of our aircraft are missing.

Damage was caused to a harbour and aerodrome buildings.

There were a few casualties amongst the dockyard, civil and naval personnel.

There were no civilian casualties and no damage to the town itself.

News has been given in a communique on Thursday of an attack by Allied bombers on the Japanese squadron, which was presumably escorting the aircraft-carriers from which attacks on Ceylon are being carried out.

This has confirmed the impression that offensive action is being taken against the Japanese units prowling in these waters.

Apart from the one aircraft-carrier reported to-day, there have been no official statements on the results of these operations, but it is thought possible that the Japanese have already suffered some crippling blows.—A.P.

Vatican Relations With Japan Don't Mean War Approval

LONDON, April 10.

"It is now better understood that there is no question of approval by the Vatican for the actions or the policy of the Japanese Government in entering the war"; says the British Catholic paper "Universe" commenting on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Japanese and the Holy See.

"The agreement involves definite guarantees given by Japan and enable the Vatican to maintain a direct contact with large Catholic populations, specially in the Philippines, which have come under Japanese control for the time being", adds the paper.—Reuter.

Sama Samaj Party Banned

Order For Round-up Of Prominent Members

COLOMBO, April 10

A roundup throughout Ceylon of prominent members of the Samasamajist Party is reported to have been ordered and the party itself, which is affiliated to the Trotsky-inspired Fourth International has been banned.

This step has been taken following the escape on Wednesday from the Kandy gaol of four of its members, including the State Councillors Dr. Perera and Mr. Gunawardine, who were arrested in June 1940 under the Defence Regulations.—A. P.

PETAIN'S SPEECHES PRESENTED TO ROOSEVELT

To Enlighten President On Marshal's Principles

WASHINGTON, April 10.

Marshal Petain has presented President Roosevel with a book of his speeches. M. Henry Haye, the Vichy Ambassador to the United States, handed the book to President Roosevelt on Thursday.

The book contains the Marshal's speeches since June 1940. This the Ambassador thought might "enlighten the President on the general principles which Marshal Petain is following."

The Ambassador said he had expressed thanks to the President for food shipments to France for children.

He had mentioned indirectly Vichy's protest delivered to the State Department relating to the recognition of Free French control in Equatorial Africa.

He had also drawn the President's attention to France's desire to purchase from America one pound a month for each French prisoner of war to supplement the inadequate German rations.—Reuter.

No More Maginot Lines And Singapores

OTTAWA, April 10.

The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. Evatt, speaking at a luncheon here on Thursday said, "There will be no more Maginot Lines and Singapores behind which to build imaginary victories of the next year. We need a practical machinery for concerted action now.

Planning is not enough. There must be executive authority to push the plans through to the point of a physical contact with the enemy."

PREPARATIONS IN COLOMBO

Shopkeepers Advised To Carry On Business As Usual

COLOMBO, April 7. (Delayed.)

The Civil Defence Commissioner has taken over certain currystuffs stores in Colombo. Steps have also been taken to open similarly some restaurants and eating-houses in the Fort and Pettah (old city) areas which have been closed.

The Governor himself visited these areas where some retail shops have closed and exhorted the shopkeepers to carry on business as usual. The Civil Defence Commissioners' advice to shopkeepers was, "sell your goods. If you don't we will sell them for you."

The Governor will inspect the pettah area this evening accompanied by the Mayor.

Railway and Port Authorities opened canteens this morning in their premises to service the needs of their staffs.

The Colombo Municipality is constructing 16 covered trenches in congested areas in addition to the existing silt trenches in open areas.—A. P.

3 MILLION TONS OF MILITARY STORES LANDED IN EGYPT

Uniformed Labour From All Parts Of Middle East Employed

CAIRO, April 10.

Over three million tons of military stores, including a million tons of food has been landed in Egypt ports alone since the war started.

These figures illustrate the complexity and the size of the Middle East's vast supply organisation. The army must think ahead and plan for many months in advance for possible campaigns, placing orders out of a list of a 100,000 items.

Old ports have been developed and new ports and jetties constructed, some of which are in the nature of insurance against the interruption of the present supply routes. The turn round of ships has been speeded up so that liners can turn round in two days.

Another aspect of the supply problem is the employment of uniformed labour from India, Palestine, Cyprus, Seychelles, Bechuanaland, Basutoland, etc. In addition to civilian labour from Egypt.—Reuter.

Frothy & Irresponsible But Not Seditious Speech

FEDERAL COURT SETS ASIDE CONVICTION UNDER DEFENCE RULES

NEW DELHI, April 10.

In the Federal Court to-day Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, allowed the appeal of Mr. Niharendu Dutt Majumdar, M.L.A. (Bengal) against his conviction under the Defence of India Rules in respect of a speech delivered on April 13, 1941, at Calcutta and acquitted him.

In the course of his judgment Sir Maurice Gwyer observed that the speech "however ill-advised and ill-founded it may have been" did not exceed the legal limits of political comment or criticism.

Mr. Majumdar had been sentenced by the Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta on July 21, 1941, to pay a fine of Rs. 500 or in default to undergo six months' imprisonment.—

The Chief Justice said that the speech was "a frothy one and irresponsible performance, such as one would not have expected from a member of the Bengal Legislature" but to describe it as an act of sedition was "to do it too great honour".

His Lordship did not regard the speech, taken as a whole, as inciting those who heard it to attempt by violence or by public disorder to subvert the Government for the time being established by law in Bengal or elsewhere in India.

Sir Maurice remarked that his (Mr. Majumdar's) more violent outbursts were directed against the then Ministry in Bengal and against the Governor of Bengal in his political capacity, but the Chief Justice of India did not feel able to say that the speech, however ill-advised and ill-founded it may have been, exceeded the limits of political comment or criticism.

RATHER INDISCREET

He thought that Mr. Majumdar, as a member of important Legislature, was under greater obligation to choose his words with discretion, and though Sir Maurice did not think that the speech amounted to sedition, he did not say that it might not have been open to criticism on other grounds.

In grave times like the present, with the enemy at the gate, language which might not attract attention at other times may to-day or to-morrow bear a very different significance".

Sir Maurice did not wish it to be supposed that they treated lightly the offence of sedition but it was necessary to remember that opinions, and even the violent expression of opinions, did not necessarily fall within the scope of sedition.

Dealing with constitutional issues raised in the appeal the Chief Justice held that the Defence of India Rules, though originally made under powers conferred by the Ordinance of 1939, had subsequently been given statutory authority and it was under those rules that the appellant had been convicted in lower court.

His Lordship further held that legislative powers conferred by Section 102 of the Constitution Act, 1935, were properly exercisable by the existing Indian Legislature and therefore he did not accept the contention that the Defence of India Act was "ultra vires" of the present Indian Legislature.

LEGAL PROOF OF APPROVAL

On the question of admissibility of parliamentary debates as evidence to show Parliament's approval of the Proclamation of Emergency issued by the Governor-General in September 1939, the Chief Justice held that the volumes of the official parliamentary debates afforded adequate legal proof of approval.

Sir Maurice was of the view that an offence described merely as a prejudicial act in the Defence of India Rules ought not to be regarded differently from the offence of sedition in the Indian Penal Code.

PAST HISTORY

"The time is long past", observed the Chief Justice, "when the mere criticism of Governments was sufficient to constitute sedition, for it is recognised that the right to utter honest and reasonable criticism is a source of strength to a community rather than a weakness". It was, therefore, all the more necessary for the Courts, when a case of this kind comes before them, to take a broad view in applying the general principles which underlie the law of sedition to the particular facts and circumstances brought to their notice.—A. P.

FINLAND'S GERMAN C-in-C SACKED

MOSCOW, April 10.

The dismissal of the German Commander-in-Chief in Finland, General von Falkenhorst was announced to-night on the Moscow radio.

Quoting a Berne source the radio stated that he had been dismissed because of his statements that it was futile to demand further efforts by Finland in its present miserable state. General Gittler has been appointed to succeed him, said the announcer.—Reuter.

GEN. MARSHALL'S LONDON STATEMENT WELCOMED IN U. S.

Disposition Of U. S. Material And Men Indicated: India To Figure In Talks

(From Our Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, April 10.

Congress applauded General Marshall's London statement as a promise of spring offensive in Europe to relieve the pressure on Russia.

Marshall indicated he would confer primarily on the disposition of men and material in order to meet the Axis challenge head-on.

Senator Pepper (Florida) of the Foreign Relations Committee, said, "the statement undoubtedly indicates that when spring comes Hitler will have not only one offensive but it will be our task to defeat the Axis and help friends who are fighting it so fallantly."

There is some semi-official speculation here that Gen. Marshall and President Roosevelt's representative Mr. Harry Hopkins may include India in their London discussions.

Informants of the United Press based their belief on the knowledge that Mr. Hopkins has given considerable study to India recently and is understood to favour a major diversion of supplies to the India front when this is not inconsistent with Russian and other needs.

Hopkins is understood to feel that India is a highly probable object of a major assault and must be strengthened in every way possible.

Indians Will Resist Inroads By Japan

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW YORK, April 8.

India Government Trade Commissioner, Mr. H. S. Mallick, refused to comment on Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals. Mr. Mallick said that whatever was the outcome of the present negotiations, "Indians will resist all inroads by Japan. Indians have no illusions regarding Japan. We know 'Asia for Asiatics' means 'Asia for Japan'."

Mr. Mallick to-night leaves for a fortnight's trip on the West Coast, where he will speak in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Inspector Wade · THE COAT OF ARMS · By Edgar Wallace

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JIM, WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM THE BATHHOUSE--- AND SEE WHAT I'M WEARING!
TOO BAD, MARY... WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT!
H'IF YOU DON'T MIND, H'INSPECTOR, H'I CAN DROP YOU OFF. TH' YOUNG LYDY AND H'INSPECTOR DONAVAN CAN RIDE IN BACK, AN' YOU CAN SIT UP FRONT WITH ME, SIR!
GOOD IDEA, OFFICER! GO AHEAD MARY!
WHA--WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE GUNS?
INSIDE, MY DEAR! AND KEEP QUIET--OR YOU'LL GET THE SAME TREATMENT YOUR BOY FRIEND JUST RAN INTO!
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